2 Samuel Lesson 22 (2023)

**SHEBA REBELS AGAINST DAVID**

(2 Samuel 20:1-26)

**Open it:**

1. What are the pros and cons of being a ruthless competitor?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 1-2. Who was the troublemaker who started another rebellion against David? How did the kingdom split for and against David?
2. Read verses 3-13. How did David treat his concubines with whom Absalom had slept? (3) Why did David give up on his first commander and turn to Abishai? (4-6) What did Joab do to Amasa? (7-10) What must be done before the troops move past Amasa’s body and fight? (11-13)
3. Read verses 14-19. Where did Joab and Abishai catch up with Sheba and begin a siege? (14-15) What message did a woman in the city have for Joab? (16-19)
4. Read verses 20-22. What objective did Joab have which, once fulfilled, would remove the danger from the city? (20-21) What did the wise woman get the city's people to do? (22) What did Joab do in response to the death of Sheba?
5. Read verses 23-26. Who led the entire army after this rebellion was put down? Why might one wise person be of more excellent value to a group of people than many strong ones?

**Apply it:**

1. Which conflicts you see in your daily life could benefit from a peacemaker’s approach? What can you do to help the next time a troublemaker plagues a friend?