



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

On the Run (Again!) (2 Samuel 15)

Read 2 Samuel 15:1-6

1. How does Absalom go about undermining David's rule?

Read 2 Samuel 15:7-12

2. Do you think this attempt to overthrow David was spontaneous or carefully planned? What makes you think that?
3. What are the possible ways David can respond to this?

Read 2 Samuel 15:13-17

4. Why does David decide to flee? (v14)

David, God's anointed king for his people, is on the run again! Our narrator now introduces us to a series of people who meet the king as he journeys away from Jerusalem.

Read 2 Samuel 15:18-23

*This group of foreigners under the leadership of **Ittai** had been with David since his time on the run from Saul (1 Sam 27:2-3, 2 Sam 2:3-4.)*

5. What does David recommend to them?
6. How does Ittai respond?

Next come the priests **Abiathar** and **Zadok**.

Read 2 Samuel 15:24-29

7. Why does David send them back with the ark of God?

8. What job does David have for them in Jerusalem?

9. *Consider David's words in v25-26. How willing are you to submit to the Lord's will whatever that may be?*

Read 2 Samuel 15:30-37

10. What is David's response to the news of **Ahithophel's** betrayal?

11. David prays, and meets **Hushai!** What does he ask Hushai to do?

12. *How do you typically respond to bad news? What can you learn from David about this?*

13. *In this chapter we have seen King David's rule challenged, with some responding by joining the rebellion and others continuing to be faithful. How does your commitment to King Jesus show itself when his right to rule is scorned?*

Pray for one another, that the words of v21 may truly reflect our heart's devotion.