

# **THIS IS LIFE LESSON 15 HANDOUT**

**Exodus 13:17–22 (AMP)**

**17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God led them not by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer...**

**18 But God led the people around by way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea.**

**21 The Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.**

**22 The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.**

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## **IN IT AFTER ALL – LARNELLE HARRIS**

**So You were in it after all  
All of those moments I spent crying  
When something inside of me was dying  
I didn't know that You heard me  
Each time I called  
You had a reason for those trials  
It seems I grew stronger every mile  
Now I know You were in it after all**

**We're always ready Lord to take the glory  
But we're seldom willing to endure the pain  
You were with me when the sun was shining,  
And You were still beside me when it rained**

**So You were in it after all  
Taking the blows that I'd been given  
Mending the wounds that needed mending  
I didn't know that You heard me each time I called  
I guess it's easy now to see it,**

**I don't know how I could have missed it Jesus  
But You were in it after all  
We're always ready Lord to take the glory  
But we're seldom willing to endure the pain  
You were with me when the sun was shining  
And You were still beside me when it rained.**

**So You were in it after all  
I guess it's easy now to see it  
I don't know how I could have missed it, Jesus  
But You were in it after all  
Now I know You were in it after all**

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## **2 Samuel 18**

**1 David mustered the men who were with him and appointed over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds.**

**5 The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, "Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake." And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders.**

**6 The army (DAVID'S) marched into the field to fight Israel, (Absalom's men) and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim.**

**7 There the army of Israel was defeated by David's men, and the casualties that day were great—twenty thousand men.**

**8 The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest claimed more lives that day than the sword.**

**9 Now Absalom happened to meet David's men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick**

branches of a large oak, Absalom's head got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going.

**10** When one of the men saw this, he told Joab, "I just saw Absalom hanging in an oak tree."

**11** Joab said to the man who had told him this, "What! You saw him? Why didn't you strike him to the ground right there? Then I would have had to give you ten shekels of silver and a warrior's belt."

**12** But the man replied, "Even if a thousand shekels were weighed out into my hands, I would not lift my hand against the king's son. In our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, 'Protect the young man Absalom for my sake.'

**14** Joab said, "I'm not going to wait like this for you." So he took three javelins in his hand and plunged them into Absalom's heart while Absalom was still alive in the oak tree.

**15** And ten of Joab's armor-bearers surrounded Absalom, struck him and killed him.

**17** They took Absalom, threw him into a big pit in the forest and piled up a large heap of rocks over him.

**33** The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!"

**2 Samuel 19:1–8 (NIV84)**

**1** Joab was told, "The king is weeping and mourning for Absalom."

**2 And for the whole army the victory that day was turned into mourning, because on that day the troops heard it said, "The king is grieving for his son."**

**5 Then Joab went into the house to the king and said, "Today you have humiliated all your men, who have just saved your life and the lives of your sons and daughters and the lives of your wives and concubines.**

**6 You love those who hate you and hate those who love you. You have made it clear today that the commanders and their men mean nothing to you. I see that you would be pleased if Absalom were alive today and all of us were dead.**

**7 Now go out and encourage your men. I swear by the LORD that if you don't go out, not a man will be left with you by nightfall. This will be worse for you than all the calamities that have come upon you from your youth till now."**

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**Matthew 11:28 (AMP)**

**28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]**

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Helen Keller writes: "When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us."

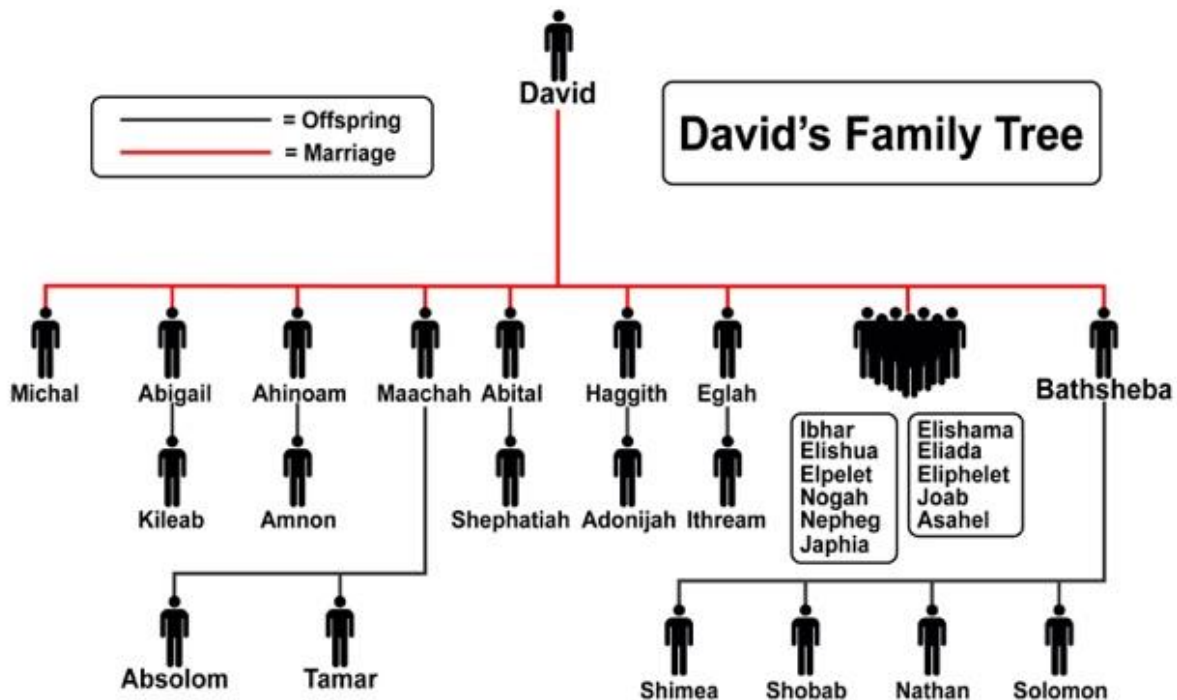
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**8 So the king got up and took his seat in the gateway. When the men were told, "The king is sitting in the gateway," they all came before him.**

## 1 Kings 1 (NIV84)

1 When King David was old and well advanced in years...

5 Now Adonijah,



5 NOW ADNOIJAH, whose mother was Haggith, put himself forward and said, "I will be king." So he got chariots and horses ready, with fifty men to run ahead of him.

6 (His father had never interfered with him by asking, "Why do you behave as you do?" He was also very handsome and was born next after Absalom.)

7 Adonijah conferred with Joab son of Zeruah and with Abiathar the priest, and they gave him their support.

8 But Zadok the priest, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei and Rei and David's special guard did

**not join Adonijah.**

**9 Adonijah then sacrificed sheep, cattle and fattened calves at the Stone of Zoheleth near En Rogel. He invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah who were royal officials,**

**10 but he did not invite Nathan the prophet or Benaiah or the special guard or his brother Solomon.**

**11 Then Nathan asked Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, "Have you not heard that Adonijah, the son of Haggith, has become king without our lord David's knowing it?"**

**12 Now then, let me advise you how you can save your own life and the life of your son Solomon.**

**13 Go in to King David and say to him, 'My lord the king, did you not swear to me your servant: "Surely Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne"? Why then has Adonijah become king?'**

**14 While you are still there talking to the king, I will come in and confirm what you have said."**

**16 Bathsheba bowed low and knelt before the king. "What is it you want?" the king asked.**

**17 She said to him, "My lord, you yourself swore to me your servant by the LORD your God: 'Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne.'**

**18 But now Adonijah has become king, and you, my lord the king, do not know about it.**

**20 My lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, to learn from you who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.**

**21 Otherwise, as soon as my lord the king is laid to rest with his fathers, I and my son Solomon will be treated as criminals.”**

**22 While she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet arrived.**

**24 Nathan said, “Have you, my lord the king, declared that Adonijah shall be king after you, and that he will sit on your throne?**

**27 Is this something my lord the king has done without letting his servants know who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?”**

**28 Then King David said, “Call in Bathsheba.” So she came into the king’s presence and stood before him.**

**29 The king then took an oath: “As surely as the LORD lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble,**

**30 I will surely carry out today what I swore to you by the LORD, the God of Israel: Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne in my place.”**

**Isaiah 46:4 (AMP) Even to your old age I am He, and even to hair white with age will I carry you. I have made, and I will bear; yes, I will carry and will save you.**

**32 King David said, “Call in Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet and Benaiah son of Jehoiada.” When they came before the king,**

**33 he said to them: "Take your lord's servants with you and set Solomon my son on my own mule and take him down to Gihon.**

**34 There have Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel. Blow the trumpet and shout, 'Long live King Solomon!'**

**35 Then you are to go up with him, and he is to come and sit on my throne and reign in my place. I have appointed him ruler over Israel and Judah."**

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### **King of the World – Natalie Grant**

**I tried to fit you in the walls inside my mind  
I try to keep you safely in between the lines  
I try to put you in the box that I've designed  
I try to pull you down so we are eye to eye  
When did I forget that you've always been the king of  
the world?  
I try to take life back right out of the hands of the king  
of the world  
How could I make you so small  
When you're the one who holds it all  
When did I forget that you've always been the king of  
the world  
Just a whisper of your voice can tame the seas  
So who am I to try to take the lead  
Still I run ahead and think I'm strong enough  
When you're the one who made me from the dust  
When did I forget that you've always been the king of  
the world?  
I try to take life back right out of the hands of the king  
of the world  
How could I make you so small**



**When you're the one who holds it all  
When did I forget that you've always been the king of  
the world  
Oh, you set it all in motion  
Every single moment  
You brought it all to me  
And you're holding on to me  
When did I forget that you've always been the king of  
the world?  
I try to take life back right out of the hands of the king  
of the world  
How could I make you so small  
When you're the one who holds it all  
When did I forget you've always been the king of the  
world  
You will always be the king of the world**

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**39 Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the sacred tent and anointed Solomon. Then they sounded the trumpet and all the people shouted, "Long live King Solomon!"**

**40 And all the people went up after him, playing flutes and rejoicing greatly, so that the ground shook with the sound.**

**41 Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they were finishing their feast. On hearing the sound of the trumpet, Joab asked, "What's the meaning of all the noise in the city?"**

**43 "Not at all!" Jonathan answered. "Our lord King David has made Solomon king.**

**46 Moreover, Solomon has taken his seat on the royal throne.**

**47 Also, the royal officials have come to congratulate our lord King David, saying, 'May your God make Solomon's name more famous than yours and his throne greater than yours!' And the king bowed in worship on his bed**

**48 and said, 'Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has allowed my eyes to see a successor on my throne today.' "**

**49 At this, all Adonijah's guests rose in alarm and dispersed.**

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### **1 Kings 2 (NIV84)**

**1 When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.**

**2 "I am about to go the way of all the earth," he said. "So be strong, show yourself a man,**

**3 and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in his ways, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go,**

**4 and that the LORD may keep his promise to me: 'If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.'**

### **Psalm 71:18 (AMP)**

**18 Yes, even when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not, [but keep me alive] until I have declared Your mighty strength to [this] generation, and Your might and power to all that are to come.**

## **Psalm 78**

**4 We will not hide them from their children, but we will tell to the generation to come the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonderful works that He has performed.**

**6 That the generation to come might know them, that the children still to be born might arise and recount them to their children,**

**7 That they might set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but might keep His commandments.**

## **Matthew 1:1**

**1 A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:**