

HELP FOR THE HASSLED

II Samuel 15-17

**From our passage tonight we will discover some qualities
of those who help the hassled.**

May God help us to demonstrate these qualities.

I. A LOYAL COMPANION (15:19-22)

- Ittai the Gittite

A. DAVID'S DISMISSAL (19-20)

1. Because Ittai was a foreigner (19)
2. Because Ittai had just recently arrived in Jerusalem (20)

B. ITTAI'S COMMITMENT (21)

1. Determination
2. No Hesitation: There were plenty of reasons to leave
3. An Other Example:
- Ruth's attitude toward Naomi in Ruth 1:15-18

C. DAVID'S DECISION

1. Agreement (15:22)
2. Appreciation (18:5)

D. ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

1. We can commit even though we do not share all the connections others have.
2. Tiredness does not need to be an excuse for non-commitment.
3. Even though the one you follow has no definite plans you can commit to him.
4. We can give unrestricted commitment no matter the conditions.
5. We can commit in spite of the fact of some inconveniences.

II. A USEFUL VOLUNTEER (15:32-37 – 17:16)

- Hushai the Archite

A. SYMPATHETIC (15:32)

1. He meets David
2. He mourns with David

B. HUMBLE (15:33-37)

1. Hushai is willing to do what David suggests (37)
2. An Other Example:
- The Saved Madman of the Gerasenes – See Mark 5:18-19 then 7:31-32

C. CAPABLE (16:15-19)

D. SUCCESSFUL (17:1-16)

E. QUESTIONS FOR CONTEMPLATION

1. Do we mourn with the mourning? (Rom. 12:15)
2. Do we serve where needed?
3. Do we use the opportunities that come our way?
4. Do we successfully complete our assignments?

III. SOME SENSITIVE SUPPLIERS (17:27-29)

- Shobi, Machir and Barzillai

A. THEIR CHARACTER

1. Machir was sympathetic - II Sam. 9:4
2. Barzellai was gracious - See I Kings 2:7

B. THEIR PROVISIONS

1. They “brought” them
2. It was dangerous
3. It was practical

C. THEIR PERCEPTION

1. They knew what the people needed and came at the right time.
2. An Other Example: Abigail in I Sam. 25:17-18

D. FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1. They had something to give.
2. Fear did not stop them.
3. Practical provisions are necessary. – See James 2:15-16
4. Gifts and abilities differ - I Cor. 12:18-20

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IV. SOME UNSUNG HEROES

A. THEIR FAMILIES

1. All of these helpers are foreigners.
2. You don't have to be a Jew to help Jews.

B. THEIR FAME

-Three facts:

1. They are nobodies.
2. They did not gain fame from their efforts.
3. Their lack of fame doesn't matter or take away from their significance.

C. THEIR FUNCTION

1. They made a difference in David's life.
2. *They didn't remove the hassles but they did smooth them!*

CONCLUSION:

Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. – Galatians 6:2

Whose scream will you hear?

Whose hassle will you help?

Whose burden will you bear?