

## Lesson 14

### David Hides

2 Samuel 15:32–16:14

At last David reached the top of Mount Olivet, a mountain just a little east of Jerusalem. There David worshiped the Lord.

While David was on Mount Olivet, Hushai, one of David's friends, came to meet him. His clothes were torn, and he had ground upon his head. In this way he showed that he, too, was sharing in David's sorrow.

David did not think that Hushai could help him by staying with him. He thought that he could be of more help to him by going back home. He wanted him to go to Absalom and pretend to be Absalom's friend. When Ahithophel would give Absalom advice against David, he wanted Hushai to keep Absalom from following Ahithophel's advice.

David told Hushai, "Say to Absalom, 'I will be your servant, O King. As I have been your father's servant up to this time, so will I also now be your servant.' In this way you can keep him