

## April 30 Questions

- 1) Absalom's rebellion. Joab realized that David still loved Absalom in spite of the murder of Amnon, and he used a clever \_\_\_\_\_ to convince David to allow Absalom to return. Unlike Nathan, whose story appealed to David's \_\_\_\_\_ over his feelings, Joab's story appealed to David's \_\_\_\_\_ over his conscience. David knew something should be done about Absalom, but he lacked the \_\_\_\_\_ and resolve to do it. Joab, rather than urging David to do the right thing, became an accomplice to David's \_\_\_\_\_ and indecision. This teaches us how important it is to surround ourselves with friends who will hold us \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth. Absalom was permitted to return to Jerusalem, but he was not allowed into David's presence. For \_\_\_\_\_ years Absalom waited, and finally, sensing the time was right, he put a \_\_\_\_\_ under Joab (literally) and was reconciled with his father. David embraced him in forgiveness, but Absalom's heart was not \_\_\_\_\_. Indeed, David was welcoming a deadly \_\_\_\_\_ into his home. Within \_\_\_\_\_ years, Absalom had stolen the hearts of the people and David was once again running for his life. This shows us that true \_\_\_\_\_ must be based on genuine repentance, for anything less is a prelude to \_\_\_\_\_.