



IN THE LINE OF FIRE
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2 Samuel 14:25 NIV 25 In all Israel there was not a man so highly praised for his handsome appearance as Absalom. From the top of his head to the sole of his foot there was no blemish in him.

Proverbs 3:1-8 NIV 1My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, **2** for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. **3** Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. **4** Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. **5** Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; **6** in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. **7** Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. **8** This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

2 Samuel 15:1-6 NLT 1After this, Absalom bought a chariot and horses, and he hired fifty bodyguards to run ahead of him. **2** He got up early every morning and went out to the gate of the city. When people brought a case to the king for judgment, Absalom would ask where in Israel they were from, and they would tell him their tribe. **3** Then Absalom would say, "You've really got a strong case here! It's too bad the king doesn't have anyone to hear it. **4** I wish I were the judge. Then everyone could bring their cases to me for judgment, and I would give them justice!" **5** When people tried to bow before him, Absalom wouldn't let them. Instead, he took them by the hand and kissed them. **6** Absalom did this with everyone who came to the king for judgment, and so he stole the hearts of all the people of Israel.

2 Samuel 15:13-14 NIV 13A messenger came and told David, "The hearts of the people of Israel are with Absalom." **14** Then David said to all his officials who were with him in Jerusalem, "Come! We must flee, or none of us will escape from Absalom. We must leave immediately, or he will move quickly to overtake us and bring ruin on us and put the city to the sword."

2 Samuel 18:6-10 NLT 6 So the battle began in the forest of Ephraim, **7** and the Israelite troops were beaten back by David's men. There was a great slaughter that day, and 20,000 men laid down their lives. **8** The battle raged all across the countryside, and more men died because of the forest than were killed by the sword. **9** During the battle, Absalom happened to come upon some of David's men. He tried to escape on his mule, but as he rode beneath the thick branches of a great tree, his hair[a] got caught in the tree. His mule kept going and left him dangling in the air. **10** One of David's men saw what had happened and told Joab, "I saw Absalom dangling from a great tree."

2 Samuel 18:17-18 NLT 17 They threw Absalom's body into a deep pit in the forest and piled a great heap of stones over it. And all Israel fled to their homes. **18** During his lifetime, Absalom had built a monument to himself in the King's Valley, for he said, "I have no son to carry on my name." He named the monument after himself, and it is known as Absalom's Monument to this day.

Proverbs 16:18 NKJV 18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

James 4:17 NKJV 17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Matthew 6:15 NLT 15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.