The Lord Will Look Upon My Misery

2 Samuel 16:1-23

Key Verse 12

“It may be that the Lord will look upon my misery and restore to me

his covenant blessing instead of his curse today.”

1. Read verses 1-4. Who is Ziba and what does he have for David? (1-2) What does he tell David about Mephibosheth? (3)  What does David say? (4)
2. Read verses 5-14. Who is Shimei and what does he do to David and his men? (5–8)  What does Abishai say to David? (9) What does David say about Shimei? (10-11) Why does he accept Shimei’s actions toward him? (12-14)  What do you think can be learned from what David says in verse 12?
3. Read verses 15-19. What does Hushai say when Absalom comes to Jerusalem? (15-16) What does Absalom say to Hushai? (17) How does Hushai answer? (18-19)
4. Read verses 20-23. What does Ahithophel advise Absalom to do? (20–22)  How does this fulfill the prophecy the Lord told David through Nathan the prophet? (12:11–12)  Think about the consequence of David’s sins.  How is Ahithophel’s advice regarded? (23)