

Everybody Gets Stabbed in the Stomach

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2 Samuel 3:22-4:12

I. The murder of Abner

A. Abner

B. Joab and Abner

C. Murderous judgment (see Joshua 21:13; Ruth 4:1-6)

D. A curse and a fast (see Exodus 20:4-6; Proverbs 3:33; also 1 Samuel 2:5a; 14:24; 28:22-23; 20:34; 25:6-8, 10-11; 30:11; 2 Samuel 3:35)

II. The murder of Ish-bosheth

A. Simpler, but no less horrible

B. Rechab and Baanah

C. David's response: summary execution

III. How faith becomes love

A. Love and enemies

B. Love and faithfulness (2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-8)

C. "As the Lord lives, who has redeemed my life out of every adversity," (4:9b; see Colossians 1; 1 Timothy 4:10)

D. Every good thing I have is a gift!

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