

## David at War - 1 Chronicles 19:1-20:8

*Topics:* Arguments, Disagreements, Quarrels, Relationships, Revenge

### Open It

- \* 1. Why are most people eager to hear and believe bad news about someone else?
- 2. When was the last time one of your acts of kindness was misinterpreted as a trick or mean gesture?
- 3. What untrue (bad) reports have people ever heard about you?

### Explore It

- \* 4. What started David's dispute with the Ammonites? (19:1-5)
- 5. How did Hanun misread David's intentions in sending a delegation to visit him? (19:3)
- 6. What did Hanun do to David's men to humiliate them? (19:4)
- \* 7. What did the Ammonites do when they realized they had made a mistake in how they handled David's men? (19:6-7)
- 8. How did the Ammonites misjudge David a second time? (19:6-7)
- \* 9. What was Joab's military strategy? (19:8-13)
- 10. What did the Arameans do after their first battle loss? (19:16)
- 11. When David joined the fight against the Arameans, what was the result? (19:17-18)
- 12. From where did David get a new crown to wear? (20:1-2)
- 13. Who were some of the enemies of Israel that David's armies defeated? (20:4-8)

### Get It

- \* 14. When Hanun realized his mistake with David's men, why did he prepare for hostilities rather than just apologizing and correcting the situation?
- 15. What false assumptions did the Ammonites make?
- \* 16. What are some common misunderstandings between people, friends, or in families?
- 17. When have you believed something told to you about someone that (you eventually found out) wasn't true?
- 18. In what ways are we more suspicious of people today than we used to be?
- 19. Why are we so quick to respond to people with hostility?
- 20. In what ways do we try to cover up our mistakes?
- 21. What is so hard about admitting our mistakes and making peace?
- 22. How hard do you find it to forgive a person who has hurt or humiliated you?
- 23. What can we do to avoid prejudging or misunderstanding the truth whenever we hear bad news about someone else?
- 24. What steps can you take to correct a misunderstanding or repair a broken relationship?

### Apply It

- \* 25. To whom do you need to talk this week about mending a broken relationship or correcting a misunderstanding?
- 26. How do you want to respond the next time you hear a bad report about someone that may or may not be true?
- 27. What can you do to judge others' motives as generously as you judge your own?