

## Abner Goes Over to David - 2 Samuel 3:6-21

*Topics:* Accusation, Ambition, Change, Enemies, Family, Fear, Fellowship, Government, Husbands, Influence, Insults, Intimidation, Leadership, Loyalty, Marriage, Partnerships, Promises, Rebellion, Reconciliation, Relationships, Remarriage, Reputation, Resentment, Sovereignty, Status, Teamwork, Unfaithfulness, War, Wives

### Open It

1. What is your definition of a good politician?
- \* 2. What would someone have to do in order to lose your loyalty?

### Explore It

3. What had Abner been doing during the war between David and Ish-Bosheth? (3:6)
4. What accusation did Ish-Bosheth make against Abner? (3:7)
5. How did Abner react to the accusation of Saul's son? (3:8)
6. Why was Ish-Bosheth intimidated by Abner's response? (3:9-11)
7. What message did Abner send to David? (3:12)
8. What condition did David want fulfilled before he would make an agreement with Abner? (3:13)
9. How was Michal (David's wife) reunited with him after Saul's death? (3:14-16)
- \* 10. What did Abner urge the elders of Israel to do? (3:17-18)
11. How did Abner persuade the Benjamites to join him? (3:19)
- \* 12. What news did Abner bring to David at Hebron? (3:19)
13. How did David receive Abner's delegation? (3:20)
- \* 14. What did Abner intend to do after he left David? (3:21)

### Get It

15. What special skills did Abner, Saul's general, possess?
16. Why was David's request to have his wife Michal restored to him granted by Ish-Bosheth and Abner?
- \* 17. What was the most persuasive argument for the people of Israel to declare David their king?
- \* 18. What is unwise about setting yourself in opposition to the revealed will of God?
19. Why is hospitality such a powerful bridge-builder between people?
20. What is needed to convince a group of people to reverse their course of action?
21. In what areas of life might you be engaged in a futile resistance of something you know God has ordained?

### Apply It

22. How could you use hospitality to communicate esteem for someone this week?
- \* 23. In what way can you show deference to God's will in an area of life that needs it?