

**2 Samuel: "After God's Heart"
The Tension Between Justice and Love
2 Samuel 18:1-19:8 (page 221)**

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We must be careful that our emotions don't keep us from carrying out our calling (2 Sam 18:1-5)

- We are to make our decisions based upon our calling in Christ and not on our own desires (v 5)

In the heat of battle, our decisions may be correct, but may not be right (2 Sam 18:6-18; 14:25-26)

- We are to be careful to carry out our spiritual battles according to our King's instructions rather than taking matters into our own hands (vs14-15)

It is difficult to maintain focus on what is at stake when we refuse to deal with rebellion in our lives (2 Sam 18:19-33)

- The work of the kingdom and not our own preferences is always the focus (v 29, 32)

Misplaced priorities will lead us to a wrong perspective of our situation (2 Samuel 19:1-8)

- Sometimes, biblical admonition is necessary in response to the sin of those in authority over us (vs 5-7)

Conclusion: The ultimate answer to this tension can only be found in Jesus Christ alone.

