

**"Manipulators under God's Sovereignty"** 2 Samuel 13:34-14:33

I. Absalom flees to live with his maternal grandfather for

\_\_\_\_\_ years (13:34-39).

2 Samuel 3:2-3

II. Joab hires a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who presents a false case to the king and displays adept negotiating abilities (14:1-3).

III. The woman tells Joab's tale of her two sons as she is caught in a dilemma that you may find

\_\_\_\_\_ to that of Cain and Abel

(14:4-7).

Exodus 21:12-15

IV. The woman cautions the king that he is treading into territory where the Torah leaves room for perceived \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of application and the king is quick to overrule in her favor and, at that very point, she has him where she wants him! (14:8-17).

V. David sees through the wise woman's ruse and senses Joab's hand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everything and

grants Joab's request (14:18-23).

- VI. David distanced Absalom from the throne, yet Absalom's qualities made him a clear \_\_\_\_\_\_ to be king (14:25-27).
- VII. Absalom demonstrated a \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the throne and demonstrated his skills in \_\_\_\_\_\_ his way to get closer to it

even as David knows to keep him away (14:24, 28-33).