



# UNEARTH

*LOOK AT YOUR WORLD FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE*

A DEVOTIONAL SERIES FROM VISION 2 HEAR

# UNEARTH QUESTIONS

## **Starts With Me**

What can I do to leave a legacy?  
How can I speak with authority  
When I can't see you, I can't see you  
How can I know the dreams you have for me?  
How do I believe beyond what I have seen?  
When I can't hear you, I can't feel you now  
No, no, no

You're my revival song, you start where I belong  
On my knees, on my knees  
When I'm weak or strong you need me here  
When I'm on my knees, on my knees  
Oh, it starts with me

Why do I try to work outside of you?  
Knocking down doors I should be going through  
But I'm so tired, I'm so tired  
You take my burdens off of my shoulders  
You break the lies that hold me back  
I'm not sure enough

You're my revival song, you start where I belong  
On my knees, on my knees  
When I am weak or strong you need me here  
When I'm on my knees, on my knees  
Yeah, it starts with me

I really wanna change the world I really wanna sing your song but I know  
Revival's got to start with me  
I really wanna change the world  
I really wanna sing your song  
But I know revival's got to start with me

You're my revival song, you start where I belong  
On my knees, on my knees  
When I am weak or strong you need me here  
When I'm on my knees, on my knees

For a video of the song, watch here: [Starts With Me](#)

What kind of legacy are you working toward?

What dreams do you feel God has placed within you?

How often do you pray about those things?

What changes do you feel God is working in your life to fulfil the legacy and dreams He has for you?

How do you need to unearth from false dreams or goals that are “shadows” and not the real thing?

What would it mean for “revival” to come to you? Through you?

What pray commitment do you need to make for these things to happen?



# UNEARTH DETAILS

READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE AND  
MAKE SOME NOTES BASED ON THE  
QUESTIONS.

2 SAMUEL 15:1-23

What was Absalom trying to do?

How do you see pride, manipulation or other things at work in this passage?

Why do you think Absalom is acting this way?

What is David's response in all of this? Why do you think He reacts the way he does?

How does this passage reveal the worldly way of influence, power, and leadership? How is God's perspective different?

## 2 SAMUEL 15:1-23

After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. 2 And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And when he said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel," 3 Absalom would say to him, "See, your claims are good and right, but there is no man designated by the king to hear you." 4 Then Absalom would say, "Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice." 5 And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him. 6 Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 And at the end of four years Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the Lord, in Hebron. 8 For your servant vowed a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram, saying, 'If the Lord will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will offer worship to the Lord.'" 9 The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron. 10 But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, 'Absalom is king at Hebron!'" 11 With Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem who were invited guests, and they went in their innocence and knew nothing. 12 And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.

## 2 SAMUEL 15:1-23

14 Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword." 15 And the king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king decides." 16 So the king went out, and all his household after him. And the king left ten concubines to keep the house. 17 And the king went out, and all the people after him. And they halted at the last house.

18 And all his servants passed by him, and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the six hundred Gittites who had followed him from Gath, passed on before the king. 19 Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why do you also go with us? Go back and stay with the king, for you are a foreigner and also an exile from your home. 20 You came only yesterday, and shall I today make you wander about with us, since I go I know not where? Go back and take your brothers with you, and

may the Lord show steadfast love and faithfulness to you." 21 But Ittai answered the king, "As the Lord lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, there also will your servant be." 22 And David said to Ittai, "Go then, pass on." So Ittai the Gittite passed on with all his men and all the little ones who were with him. 23 And all the land wept aloud as all the people passed by, and the king crossed the brook Kidron, and all the people passed on toward the wilderness.



# UNEARTH APPLICATION



WHAT ON EARTH AM I  
SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?

THIS IS A VERSE I NEED TO MEMORIZE:  
PROVERBS 29:23

A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor  
shall uphold the humble in spirit.

Trust in the sovereignty of God and allow him to empower you and position you where He wants you when He wants.

God has people in power over you for periods of time for a reason. Learn and study their lives to glean what you can about life, love, leadership, God and how to accomplish what God wants for you.

Have faith in God's timing. Don't manipulate people or seek to promote yourself. Promote God and His Kingdom.

# UNEARTH OBSERVATIONS

Absalom was the King's son and failed to recognize his role and position properly. He had power and influence but used it to promote himself and seek to overthrow his father. His pride, self-promotion and manipulation were taken as "natural" things for people of leadership but these things are contrary to God's way of leading and dealing with people. God desires for us to be sincere and honest in leading people. God wants us to love people, not use them to get what we want.

Absalom spoke words that people wanted to hear in order to manipulate the people and persuade them to win their favor with hopes to overthrow his father. Flattery and words of praise are powerful tools. We need to measure our words carefully and use them to speak truthfully to people. Encouragement and flattery are two different things.

We can easily seek to benefit ourselves and put ourselves in the best light, hiding our true selves and motives from people. It is important to remember that God sees us as we are, completely, transparent. He knows our motives, reasons and desires for which we do what we do.

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