

# PARENTING: FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING

## FROM RESENTMENT TO REBELLION

SELECTIONS FROM 2 SAMUEL 14–18



### The Heart of the Matter

Most of us would be shocked if we knew the storms that raged inside many respected homes. In this message, we step into the midst of one such home and try to understand how and why such turmoil exists. Many of us would expect King David's home to have been tranquil—a joyful and protective environment instilling family values and building childhood memories. But the careful student of Scripture soon sees the neglect and passivity that steered David's family onto the tragic path from resentment to rebellion.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. A Brief Review: The Relationship Breaks Down (2 Samuel 13:1–36)

Through busyness, hypocrisy, and passivity, David's relationship with Absalom slowly broke down, leaving his son with feelings of silent resentment.

#### 2. A Painful Analysis: Resentment, Deception, Defiance, Rebellion (2 Samuel 13:37–18:33)

Like a chain reaction that starts small and grows out of control, we can trace the path in David's family from resentment to rebellion: Absalom's lengthy absence (2 Samuel 13:37–14:23) . . . David's halfhearted acceptance (14:24–33) . . . Absalom's cunning conspiracy (15:1–13) . . . David's forced withdrawal (15:14–16:14) . . . Absalom's tragic death (18:5–15) . . . David's guilt-ridden grief (18:24–33).



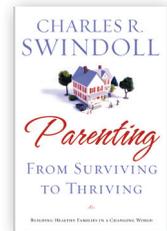
### Starting Your Journey

The fast track from resentment to rebellion that damaged David's life and legacy highlights several lasting lessons for today.

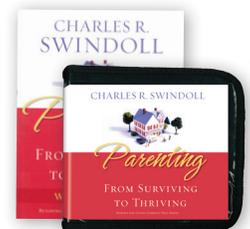
1. Fractured relationships begin to heal when we're willing to hear and admit the truth.
2. Reconciliation continues when we quit controlling and manipulating others.
3. Relief comes when we release resentment and act upon our responsibility.



### Tools for Digging Deeper



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