

Getting Past Fair

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2 Samuel 17:1–7, 23

1. Life should be _____.
2. Disappointment is a _____ of life; Disillusionment is a _____ of life.
3. Attachments are the seeds of _____.
4. The antidote to disillusionment is to nurture _____.

My Count Me In! Commitments

What was the last thing you were disappointed over?

What expectation were you holding onto that created the disappointment?

How did you respond to the disappointment?

How were you able to "stay in the game"?

What will keep you in the game the next time you're disappointed?

Additional Notes

Digging Deeper, Going Further

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1. Why do you think Absalom sought a “second opinion” from that of his chief advisor?

2. Why do you think Absalom took Hushai’s advice over that of Ahithophel?

3. Why did God want to “bring disaster” upon Absalom?

4. Why do you think Ahithophel was so disappointed by Absalom’s decision?

5. In your understanding, what’s the difference between disappointment and disillusionment?

6. Dr. Bill said that Jesus wasn’t playing a long game, but an infinite game. What do you think that means?

7. What can you do to avoid moving from disappointment to disillusionment?
