

GALLIMAUFREY PORTRAITS VI

HUSHAI THE ARCHITE

³⁰ *But David continued up the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went; his head was covered and he was barefoot. All the people with him covered their heads too and were weeping as they went up.* ³¹ *Now David had been told, “Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.” So David prayed, “LORD, turn Ahithophel’s counsel into foolishness.”* ³² *When David arrived at the summit, where people used to worship God, Hushai the Arkite was there to meet him, his robe torn and dust on his head.*

II Samuel 15:30-32

* Gallimaufrey – hodgepodge, collage, scramble, stew, jumble, mixed bag, muddle, mishmash, montage, patchwork, potpourri, mixture

I. We are entering a season where there is no time between a prayer and its answer.

* Stay sensitive and ready.

II. Hushai the Archite was a king’s answer to prayer.

* Can you be your King’s answer to others’ prayers?

III. Hushai was David’s friend. (II Samuel 15:37;16:17; I Chronicles 27:33)

³⁷ *So Hushai, David’s confidant, arrived at Jerusalem as Absalom was entering the city. (II Samuel 15:37)*

¹⁷ Absalom said to Hushai, “So this is the love you show your friend? If he’s your friend, why didn’t you go with him?”
(II Samuel 16:17)

³³ Ahithophel was the king’s counselor. Hushai the Arkite was the king’s confidant. (I Chronicles 27:33)

IV. Hushai was David’s spy.

* He was the king’s covert agent on a secret mission.

** Will you become one of the king’s trusted spies behind enemy lines?

V. Two vastly different sets of counsel.

A. The counsel of Ahithophel (II Samuel 17:1-4)

¹ Ahithophel said to Absalom, “I would choose twelve thousand men and set out tonight in pursuit of David. ² I would attack him while he is weary and weak. I would strike him with terror, and then all the people with him will flee. I would strike down only the king ³ and bring all the people back to you. The death of the man you seek will mean the return of all; all the people will be unharmed.” ⁴ This plan seemed good to Absalom and to all the elders of Israel.

* Pursue David immediately-no delay!

B. The counsel of Hushai (II Samuel 17:11-13)

¹¹ “So I advise you: Let all Israel, from Dan to Beersheba--as numerous as the sand on the seashore--be gathered to you, with you yourself leading them into battle. ¹² Then we will attack him wherever he may be found, and we will fall on him as dew settles on the ground. Neither he nor any of

his men will be left alive. ¹³ If he withdraws into a city, then all Israel will bring ropes to that city, and we will drag it down to the valley until not so much as a pebble is left.”

** Plan big, mobilize all Israel delay.*

VI. Our Sovereign God is in complete control. / Serve in perfect peace. / Just do the next right thing He reveals.

A. *For the Lord had determined to frustrate the good advice of Ahithophel in order to bring disaster on Absalom. (II Samuel 17:14b)*

B. ²¹ *He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. (Daniel 2:21)*

C. ³ *Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him. (Psalm 115:3)*

VII. You are an answer to prayer. You are the King's friend. You are a secret agent on His covert team. Everything you do matters.