

SCCC – WE NEED A FRIEND

S - Scriptures

“Now David had been told, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.” So David prayed, “Lord, turn Ahithophel’s counsel into foolishness.” 2 Samuel 15: 31

C- Consideration

David’s son rebelled against him, and was proclaimed king by a great number of leaders in Israel. In great danger; David had to flee for his life. Adding to the King’s problem, a very shrewd man had joined the coup. The Scriptures tells about him, “Now in those days the advice Ahithophel gave was like that of one who inquires of God. That was how both David and Absalom regarded all of Ahithophel’s advice.” Consequently, David cried out to God for help. He knew if the Lord would not intervene, this man would be the guidance for his death. As soon as David finished his prayer, God sent a very special person to David. In the book of Chronicles, there is a very profound revelation about him, it says, “Ahithophel was the king’s counselor. Hushai the Arkite was the king’s friend.” As the narrative continues, “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. David said to him, “If you go with me, you will be a burden to me. But if you return to the city and say to Absalom, ‘Your Majesty, I will be your servant; I was your father’s servant in the past, but now I will be your servant,’ then you can help me by frustrating Ahithophel’s advice.” Hushai did exactly what David instructed him to do, and eventually, the conspiracy crashed and David reestablished to his kingdom.

C – Commitment

We all need good advice in our journey on this earth. Inevitably, we will have to deal with problems, sorrows, discouragements, persecutions, fears, and other difficulties. The Scriptures say, “Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.” The narrative showed that we can have very good and gifted counselors. Someone as good as Ahithophel, that according to David, his words seemed like to come directly from God. However, the incident showed that a good counselor is not enough for us. We need a friend. Hushai, loved David to the point of risking his own life to save David. I have had good counselors and good friends as well. I am grateful to God for all of them. Nevertheless, our trustworthy Friend is Jesus. The greatest proof is that to save my neck, He fought the devil, the evil conspirator, and offered Himself to die in my place. His love and actions made it possible for me to become the heir in God’s kingdom. “What a friend we have in Jesus. All our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.”

C – Call

My God, like David, I was running without direction through a vast desert. But, thank You for Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who became my Savior and my best Friend. Thank You that I can

always pray when trouble comes, and be sure that Jesus will always be there for me and for all my Brethren in the world. In Jesus's name, I pray. Amen!