Stand-Alone Message

HOW (NOT) TO BUILD A LEGACY

2 Samuel 18:18

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Introduction: Everybody wants to be remembered. And most people want to be remembered well. But a central struggle of the human life is whether we'll construct a legacy that is more about ourselves than it is about others. In this family Sunday, we'll examine a single verse about the legacy of Absalom—one of Israel's most gifted and tragic kings.

> ***2 Samuel 18:18****: Earlier in his life Absalom had set up a pillar in the King's Valley. He had put it up as a monument to himself. He thought, "I don't have a son to carry on the memory of my name." So he named the pillar after himself. It is still called Absalom's Monument to this day.*

What lessons can we learn from Absalom's life and building project?

1. **It's possible that the time you have in front of you will move faster than you ever imagined.**

2. **If you build your life as a monument to "Self" it will ultimately count for very little.**

3. **The ultimate lesson of Absalom's monument is to LOOK TO DAVID'S OTHER SON.**