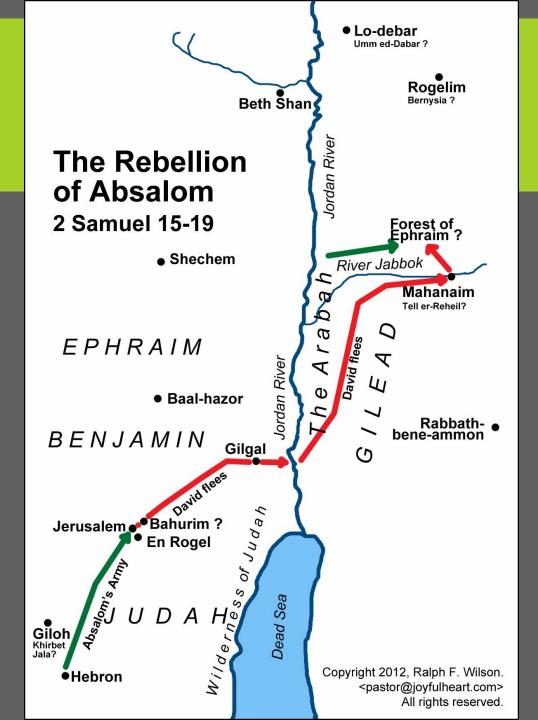
RECAP

- Absalom- 2yrs secretly campaigning and now, from Hebron, declares himself king; marching on Jerusalem
- David- hears news of rebellion and flees Jerusalem to fords at the Jordan River 20mi in opposite direction of Absalom's approach



WE ALL NEED AN ITTAI



- Faithful friend
- Not necessarily a best friend, but the best kind of friend- one who is 100% devoted to God and to you
- Pray for an Ittai

HOLD ALL THINGS LOOSELY



- Maintain posture of humility regarding God's activity- difficult to know what God is doing while in the wilderness
- Cling to faith in God to work, not to specific outcomes for how He will work

WATCH OUT FOR ACCUSATIONS



- Vulnerable to accusations against ourselves and God
- Accusations often have ring of truth
- Read Bible for objective reminders of who God is, how God works, and who you are in Him