

# 2 Samuel 14:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And the king said, Whosoever saith ought unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more.**

This verse contributes to the narrative of Absalom's Return, emphasizing incomplete reconciliation. Joab's elaborate scheme to restore Absalom demonstrates human wisdom that undermines divine purposes. The partial reconciliation (Absalom returns but doesn't see David's face) proves insufficient for genuine restoration. Theological themes include the inadequacy of human reconciliation methods apart from genuine repentance, the danger of manipulation even for apparently good ends, and the necessity of complete rather than partial restoration.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 14 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding incomplete reconciliation provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid anachronistic

interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of incomplete reconciliation?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

## Interlinear Text

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אָל יְבַא תְּבַא אֶל יְמִינְךָ רַבְמִינְךָ לְךָ וְאֶל מִמֶּנּךָ

**said**   **And the king**   **Whosoever saith**   **ought unto thee bring**   **al**   **yib'at**   **al**

H559                    H4428                    H1696                    H935                    H413                    H0

בְּלֹא יִסְרַא עַת גַּעַת לֹא תְּצַדֵּךְ

**thee any more**   **him to me and he shall not touch**   **blā**   **lā**   **tsadēk**

H3808                    H3254                    H5750                    H5060                    H0