

# 2 Samuel 14:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

## Analysis

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**Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.**

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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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 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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וַשְׁלַחְךָ	אֶבְשָׁל וְ	אֶל	יֹאָב בֶּן	וַשְׁלַחְךָ	אֶתְּ	אֶל
sent	Therefore Absalom	H413	for Joab	sent	H853	H413
H7971	H53		H3097	H7971		
הֵמָּה לְךָ	וְלֹא	אָבָה	לָבוֹא:	אֵלַי יוֹ	וַשְׁלַחְךָ	עוֹד
him to the king	H3808	but he would	not come	H413	sent	H5750
H4428		H14	H935		H7971	
שֵׁנִי יָתִיד	וְלֹא	אָבָה	לָבוֹא:			
the second time	H3808	but he would	not come			
H8145		H14	H935			

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