

# 2 Samuel 19:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now.

## Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of David's Return, emphasizing restoration, leadership wisdom. David's return to Jerusalem requires political wisdom as he navigates competing factions. His restoration of enemies (Shimei) and reward of supporters demonstrates leadership discernment. Theological themes include wise leadership during restoration, the complexity of post-crisis reconciliation, balancing justice and mercy, and the necessity of moving forward despite ongoing tensions.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 19 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 restoration, leadership wisdom 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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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of restoration, leadership wisdom?
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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וְעַתָּה H6258	כֵּן וּמֵ H6965	יֵצֵא H3318	וְדַבֵּר H1696	עַל H5921	לִבְ H3820	
	Now therefore arise	go forth	and speak		comfortably	
עַדְּיָךְ H5650	כִּי H3588	בִּיהוָה H3068	נִשְׁבַּע עֲתִי H7650	כִּי H3588	אֵינְךָ H369	אִם יֵצֵא H518
	unto thy servants	by the LORD	for I swear		go forth	
יֵלֵךְ H3885	אֶחָד H376	אִתְּךָ H854	הַלַּיְלָה H3915		וְרָעָה H7489	
	there will not tarry	one	with thee this night		and that will be worse	
לְךָ H0	זֶאת H2063	מִכָּל H3605	הַרְעָה H7451	אֲשֶׁר H834	בָּאָה H935	עַל יָדְךָ H5921
		unto thee than all the evil			that befell	
מִנְעֶרְךָ H5271	עַד H5704	עַתָּה H6258				
	thee from thy youth					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 14:28** (Parallel theme): In the multitude of people is the king's honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.

**Genesis 34:3** (Parallel theme): And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.