

Joab Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

What actions made Joab a good soldier?

What were the personal characteristics that made him that way?

Could it be said that he was not a good man?

Did he have any understanding of the concept of mercy?

Is Joab right in calling David too soft?

Was Joab right in trying to get David to deal with the sin within his own family?

Why might it be that David could not confront his children about incest and murder?

Do we have trouble dealing with our own sins in others, especially our children?

Why did Joab have trouble understanding why David did not appreciate Joab's success in killing all his enemies and potential enemies?

Is it surprising that Joab understood the Law against kings taking a census?

Is it surprising that David did it anyway?

Why do you think that Joab did not come to support Solomon as king?

Why did Joab become a skilled warrior but not a better man?

Did Joab accomplish the will of the LORD in some ways?

Did he also fail significantly?

Is it possible to work with people who do not share our values?

Can we even learn from someone with whom we may disagree?