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I. What Comes to Mind when You Hear . . . ?

B - 5

I - 10

G - 1

~~Bingo?~~

J - 7, Miss!

D - 2, Miss!

H - 9, Hit!



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II. Conflict Comes Knocking

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A. 24 in close quarters

B. From contest to combat

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1. Asahel takes the lead
2. Don't run with ~~scissors~~ spears!

D. A “family affair”

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B. A poisoned tomorrow

1. Joab & Abishai take the loss to heart and will bring it home to Abner.
2. “Now there was a long war . . .”



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V. Grace Is Never Far Away

A. A temporary truce

1. Abner calls to Joab to halt the pursuit & Joab relents.

2. God gives rest, breathing room, and a chance to regroup.



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B. The way forward

1. Despite the ugliness, the conflict advances God's purpose to put David on the throne.

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- A. In a fallen world, conflict is a necessary tool.
- B. Comes in many ways & forms
 1. From our flesh
 2. From the enemies of the gospel
 3. From “our ancient foe”
 4. Even, from fellow saints
- C. Scripture is not silent on this issue.



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1. 2 Cor. 7:5

2. 1 Pet. 5:8-9

3. 2 Tim. 4:14-15

4. Gal. 2:11-14

5. 2 Tim. 4:6-8



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D. Some guidelines:

1. Remember “the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh” 2 Cor. 10:4-5

a. 2 Tim. 2:24-26

b. Col. 4:5-4

2. Own the fact that it’s ugly & intimate



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D. Some guidelines:

2. Own the fact that it's ugly & intimate
3. Trust that God is fulfilling His agenda & scan the horizon for His grace.
4. See it through. Where you need to—contend!
 - a. Another Civil War





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Or, better yet . . .

“Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.” Jude 1:3