

**Spirit of Life Community Adventist Fellowship**  
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**“The Work Of The Joab Spirit” PART TWO**  
**Prayer Meeting 12-19-06**

1. **2 Samuel 19:1-7** (Read this passage as a reminder of the lack of respect Joab had for David. He did not speak to David as a King). **Vs. 11-13; 20:8-13**. The Joab spirit is always jealous of other people’s success and promotion. Those who walk in this spirit will turn on their own fellow leaders and church members whenever they feel that someone is growing faster or accomplishing more than they are. Those who walk with this spirit will come with a kiss on their lips and a knife in heir hand. They will attempt to kill anyone they perceive as growing in influence. If you want to see this spirit in action, look at the face of people whenever someone is given a compliment from the pulpit. Those with this spirit will have twisted faces and body language that shows their displeasure. They will be upset because their names were not mentioned.
2. Amasa had been appointed as commander of David’s army in place of Joab. Joab killed him out of intense jealousy. There are some people you cannot allow to be around new members who have spiritual talent. They will be killed and eaten by older jealous members. **Joab and Amasa were cousins**. He killed his cousin in a cruel way so that his intestines ran slowly out of his body. This is how the Joab spirit kills vision. It injects itself into the lives of jealous and insecure leaders, and then slowly spills the bowels of the vision on the ground. They draw people away from the vision and remove support for the leadership of the house. They put their arms around unsuspecting members under the guise of mentorship and slowly rip the vision from their hearts. People who have been touched by this spirit cannot hold to the vision of the house.
3. **2 Samuel 18:15**. Notice those who follow the lead of the Joab spirit. There are always people ready to defend those in rebellion. They stand around and hold their armor. We have to ask, “Why does someone with a Joab spirit behave in such a rebellious way?” The reason is they believe the leadership is missing the mark in some way. They do not stop to seek the mind of God and the flow of His Spirit. They follow their strongest emotions and feelings and fight to make their will happen.
4. **1 Kings 1:7,13; 34-35,39**. Joab sees David as a powerless, weak old man. While this spirit is busy planning to install his own choice, God’s choice is already dressed in royal apparel, **after being anointed by the horn**. **1 Kings 2:28-33**. Notice Joab tried to hide under the covering of the anointing he despised.

5. God's appointed apostolic structure, and true anointed sons, and daughters are the greatest threat to the Joab spirit. True sons/daughters will always arise and see this spirit for what it is. True apostolic headship knows how to pull together spiritual resources, and do battle in the spirit realm to defeat the spirit of Joab. King Solomon killed Joab using his royal authority. You will be able to defeat the Joab spirit by taking your rightful place in the Kingdom of God and using your spiritual authority. Remember, God has not given you a spirit of fear, but of POWER and LOVE and a SOUND MIND. If you allow someone with the spirit of Joab to go unchecked in your business, team, or church, other spirits of poverty, suicide, barrenness, constant issues, distractions, dependency, and false pity will flow in.
6. **Godly leadership** can reverse the curse caused by a Joab spirit. When you are taught well in the truths of God's Word and there is proper apostolic governance in place, the spirit of Joab cannot flourish. Just as Joab fled to the altar when he realized death was on the way, anyone who has fallen to this spirit will find relief only at the altar of God. They must die to their own will, agenda and thrill of rebellion. They must stop speaking lies with their mouth and attitude. They must seek deliverance and mercy. They must be restored to a new life in Christ. Change is possible but only to those who are willing to receive and obey instruction.
7. The goal is not for you to dwell so much on what others are doing. The focus is on checking your heart and spirit. As you become more aware of what is motivating you, you will be better able to discern what is really happening to others.