

WHEN THE OUTRAGEOUS HAPPENS

2 SAMUEL 13

1. **THINKING** about and **ACTING** upon inappropriate, sinful desire leads to **REGRET** and **HARM** for everyone involved. (vv.1-2; Isaiah 26:3; Proverbs 4:23; Ephesians 4:22-24; Romans 7:23; Philippians 4:8; 1 Corinthians 10:13; James 4:7; Galatians 5:16; James 1:14)
2. **RUN AWAY** from those who tell you to follow your feelings and desires and to go after **WHATEVER** you **WANT**. (vv.3-6; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Psalm 1:1-2; Proverbs 12:5, 13:20, 14:7; Jeremiah 7:24, 23:16; Matthew 16:23; Colossians 2:8; Romans 12:2)
3. Tamar's beauty was a fingerprint of her Creator - **NOT** a reason for her to be victimized. When tragic events like this take place, it is **NOT** the victim's **FAULT**. (vv.1, 7-10; Psalm 139:14; Deuteronomy 19:10; Ecclesiastes 8:14; 1 John 3:2; Ezekiel 18:20)
4. When someone demands something of you that is wrong, **RESIST**. (vv.12-14; Deuteronomy 22:27; 1 Peter 5:8; Exodus 1:15-22; 1 Samuel 19:9-10; Luke 4:29-30)
5. The victim of sexual abuse can be left feeling completely **ALONE**. (vv.15-20; Psalm 25:16, 38:9; Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 27:10; Joshua 1:9; Deuteronomy 31:6; Psalm 23:4; John 14:18)
6. Jesus offers **HOPE** and restores a sense of **VALUE** to those who have had theirs stolen. (Romans 8:31-39; Psalm 9:9-10, 34:4-5, 18; Psalm 82:3-4, 147:3; Isaiah 50:7, 58:6, 61:1-3, 61:7-8; Romans 10:11; Luke 4:18-19; Lamentations 3:17-26)
7. If sin isn't dealt with properly, the **FALLOUT** will spread **FURTHER** and be more **FURIOUS**. (2 Samuel 12:10; Romans 12:19; Psalm 72:4; Romans 6:23; Isaiah 59:2; Galatians 6:7-8; Mark 9:43-47)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. In what ways does the 'love' Amnon had for Tamar (verse 1) not align with Biblical love (1 Corinthians 13)?
3. What lessons do we learn from both David and Amnon regarding unchecked passions and temptations? How was each character in this drama negatively impacted (Tamar, David, Absalom, Amnon, etc.)?
4. Amnon got what he wanted, but then his feelings (for Tamar) completely changed. Why do you think this happened? What's the application for each of us today?
5. So often we caution people against acting out on temptation (like a sermon we would have preached to Amnon before he did what he did), and that is a good thing. But in focusing on that alone, we can forget the reality of victims' struggles and what they are left to deal with after such violations occur. Based on what we read in verses 15-20, what was life like for Tamar after this outrageous sin? How can we practically help those like Tamar in our communities?
6. Who are some folks in the Bible that had compassion on victims or on those who had in some way been wronged? What do we learn from these instances?