

2 Samuel 13:23-39
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Discussion Questions

1. Why do you suppose many parents have trouble responding well to their children's sins? How did David respond as he faced the problems brought on by his children? What may have been the reason for that?

2. How does David's passivity in his family affect the entire nation?

3. Why is apathy such a tremendous danger (for a father, for a king, for you)? Is the dangerous trait of apathy creeping into your life? Take time to repent of this and turn once again to Jesus for grace and help in your time of need.

4. What does Scripture teach us about revenge? (Lev. 19:18; Romans 12:17-21; 1 Thess. 5:15; 1 Pet. 3:9) How is this different than the world's view of revenge? Why is revenge never the solution?

5. How long had Absalom been waiting and planning for a chance to get revenge on Amnon? How does this story help us better understand the command in Ephesians 4:26 to "not let the sun go down on our anger?"

6. In what ways is Jesus the perfect example for us regarding revenge?

7. In this chapter, Amnon had passion without love, Jonadab had wisdom without principle, David had anger without justice, and Absalom had hatred without restraint. In what ways does Jesus meet us in our raging passions and change us for His purposes? How does Titus 3:1-7 show us that we are not that different from these men?

8. What does this passage teach us about the character of God? Where and how do you see that? How does it both sober and encourage you that God always fulfills His word?

9. What complex family situation do you need the Lord's help to deal with well? In what specific ways does this passage motivate you to cast yourself upon the grace of the gospel?

Prayer Points

1. That we would run from sin and find help in God's grace to live as new creatures in Christ.
2. That we would strive to bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
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