

2 Samuel 13: Influence of Friends and Family

2 Samuel 12 Review: Humble Acceptance of Sin's Consequence

- David humbly accepts the consequences his sin
- Sword shall never depart
- Sin in the dark will now be in the light
- The child from this adulterous relationship will die

2 Samuel 13:

1Now it was after this that Absalom the son of David had a **beautiful sister** whose name was Tamar, and Amnon the son of David **loved her**. 2Amnon was so frustrated because of his sister Tamar that he made himself ill, for **she was a virgin**, and it seemed hard to Amnon to do anything to her.

- **Amnon:** David's firstborn son in line for Kingship, consumed by lust for **Tamar:** his half sister, a virgin
- Sexual Immorality introduced by David
- **Definition:** Unlawful sex inc. before marriage, during marriage with someone else, incest, etc.

1 Corinthians 6:18 (Read) **Flee immorality.** Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his **own body**. 19Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20For you have been bought with a price: **therefore glorify God in your body.**

1 Corinthians 10:13 (Read) No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will **provide the way of escape also**, so that you will be able to endure it.

- Ammon is sick with lust as he looks for opportunity to sin...as did his father David:

Proverbs 11: 27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor, **But he who seeks evil, evil will come to him.**

3But **Amnon had a friend** [fiend] whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother; and Jonadab was a very shrewd man. 4He said to him, "O **son of the king**, why are you so depressed morning after morning? Will you not tell me?" Then Amnon said to him, "I am in love with Tamar, the sister of my brother Absalom."

5Jonadab then said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill; when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me some food to eat, and let her prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat from her hand.'"

Romans 1:32 ...and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give **hearty approval to those who practice them**.

- "Hey, nothin' wrong with that!"

Luke 17:1 Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but **woe to that person through whom they come**.

- ...son of the King; he is feigning concern for Amnon
- Motives of friends?
- **Scheming:** One of the seven things God hates;

Proverbs 16:18 God hates...a heart that devises wicked plans

Proverbs 24: 1 Do not be envious of evil men, **Nor desire to be with them**; For their minds devise violence, And their lips talk of trouble.

- We are to choose friends wisely (Jonathan)

6So Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill; when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let my sister Tamar come and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand." 7Then David sent to the house for Tamar, saying, "Go now to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him." 8So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, and he was lying down. And she took dough, kneaded it, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes. 9She took the pan and dished them out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, "Have everyone go out from me." So everyone went out from him. 10Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the bedroom, that I may eat from your hand." So Tamar took the cakes which she had made and brought them into the bedroom to her

brother Amnon. 11When she brought them to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister." 12But she answered him, "No, my brother, do not violate me, for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this disgraceful thing! 13"As for me, where could I get rid of my reproach? And as for you, you will be like one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please **speak to the king**, for he will not withhold me from you." 14However, he would not listen to her; since he was stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her.

- Rape and incest after adultery
- Tamar: No longer a virgin to be sought after; Amnon a fool
- "Speak to the King..." last effort to stop Amnon

15Then Amnon hated her with a **very great hatred**; for the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Get up, go away!" 16But she said to him, "No, because this wrong in **sending me away is greater** than the other that you have done to me!" Yet he would not listen to her. 17Then he called his young man who attended him and said, "Now **throw this woman out of my presence**, and lock the door behind her."

- **Unlawful sex** leads to hatred and disrespect; guilt of sin eating us up
- **Fornication through deceit:** "I love you", "If you loved me you would show me" "I want to be with you" "Be my fiancé"
- **Translation:** I want to use you to fulfill my needs; nothing about your hopes and dreams
- **Afterward:** Throw you away "get up, go away...Throw this woman out of my presence...and lock the door behind her."
- **"This woman..."** Reminiscent of previous infamous immorality

Genesis 2:21 (Read) So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. 22The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. 23The man said, " This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." 24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother,

and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. 25And the man and his wife were both naked and **were not ashamed**.

- **Sexuality:** Shame is a warning that something is wrong
- God gave **married couples** the gift of sex to have children and pleasure...no shame

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. [See Song of Solomon]

18Now she had on a long-sleeved garment; for in this manner the virgin daughters of the king dressed themselves in robes. Then his attendant took her out and locked the door behind her. 19Tamar put ashes on her head and tore her long-sleeved garment which was on her; and she put her hand on her head and went away, crying aloud as she went.

- Robe of a virgin
- Tamar was innocent, unlike Bathsheba

20Then Absalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now keep silent, my sister, he is your brother; do not take this matter to heart." So Tamar remained and was desolate in her brother Absalom's house. 21Now when **King David heard** of all these matters, he was **very angry**. 22But Absalom did not speak to Amnon either good or bad; for Absalom hated Amnon because he had violated his sister Tamar.

- David knew and was angry...and **did nothing**
- **Example:** Father trying to talk to his kids about the dangers of alcohol when they know it is was his drinking that caused their parents divorce, pain and misery
- Why don't we learn from bad examples? It won't happen to me
- We use bad examples as a license to sin...and reap the same consequences [Like smelling bad milk...try it!]

2 Samuel 12:10 'Now therefore, the **sword shall never depart** from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

- No peace
- Tamar remained “**desolate**”: Word used for **ravaged cities or ruined land**

23 Now it came about after **two full years** that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which is near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons. 24 Absalom came to the king and said, "Behold now, your servant has sheepshearers; please let the king and his servants go with your servant." 25 But the king said to Absalom, "**No, my son, we should not all go**, for we will be **burdensome to you**." Although he urged him, he would not go, but blessed him.

- Not a word from David for 2 years: Tamar staying with Absalom
- Absalom invites David to a party: A chance to settle the matter; to talk to Tamar and deal with Amnon... **David refuses**

James 2:15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, " **Go in peace**, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, **what use is that?** 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

- David's faith is dead; no influence in his life
- David knew the need, but was unwilling to deal with it as a father or a King; instead he "blesses" Absalom
- **Spiritual hypocrisy**: Religion not affecting real life

26 Then Absalom said, "If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us." And the king said to him, "Why should he go with you?" 27 But when Absalom urged him, he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

- Absalom knew his dad would say no (...burdensome to you)
- Uses his knowledge of David's failure as a father to plot his brothers murder
- Though David is suspicious, (why should Amnon go) he does not go

28 Absalom commanded his servants, saying, "See now, when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon,' then

put him to death. Do not fear; have not I myself commanded you? Be courageous and be valiant." 29The servants of Absalom did to Amnon just as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose and each mounted his mule and fled. 30Now it was while they were on the way that the report came to David, saying, "Absalom has struck down all the king's sons, and not one of them is left." 31Then the king arose, tore his clothes and lay on the ground; and all his servants were standing by with clothes torn.

- Absalom: "Be courageous"; servants kill Amnon
- False report that all sons are dead

32 **Jonadab**, the son of Shimeah, David's brother, responded, "Do not let my lord suppose they have put to death all the young men, the king's sons, for Amnon alone is dead; because by the intent of Absalom this has been determined since the day that he violated his sister Tamar. 33"Now therefore, do not let my lord the king take the report to heart, namely, 'all the king's sons are dead,' for only Amnon is dead."

- **Jonadab questions:** Where is his care for Amnon now? Why is he playing up to David? What were his original motives?
- What are the motives of those who help us to sin? Self-interest

34Now Absalom had fled And the young man who was the watchman raised his eyes and looked, and behold, many people were coming from the road behind him by the side of the mountain. 35Jonadab said to the king, "Behold, the king's sons have come; according to your servant's word, so it happened." 36As soon as he had finished speaking, behold, the king's sons came and lifted their voices and wept; and also the king and all his servants wept very bitterly. 37Now Absalom fled and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud, the king of Geshur. And **David mourned for his son every day**. 38 So Absalom had fled and gone to Geshur, and was there **three years**. 39The heart of King David longed to go out to Absalom; for he was comforted concerning Amnon, since he was dead.

- 3 more years away from Absalom...5 in all. Trouble is ahead
- David longed for Absalom **but still did not go**

CONCLUSION: Influence of Friends and Family

- So called friends like Jonadab and family not fulfilling God-given

responsibilities can bring destruction

- We need to live our lives unto the Lord allowing His Word and Holy Spirit to be our primary influence

Hope those Ravaged by Sin

- **Tamar:** One ravaged by the sins of others
- **Amon:** Living with the guilt of one who destroyed others
- **David:** Not doing what you know is right; paralyzed by previous sins and not fulfilling your responsibilities

Joel 2:25 "Then **I will make up to you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten**,The creeping locust, the stripping locust and the gnawing locust,My great army which I sent among you.

- God is in the **restoration business** as He says of those ravaged by sin...

Isaiah 62:4 It will no longer be said to you, "Forsaken," Nor to your land will it any longer be said, "Desolate"; But you will be called, "**My delight is in her,**"

Isaiah 61:1 (Read) The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners; 2To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3To grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them **a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning**, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

4Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins,They will raise up the former devastations; And they will repair the ruined cities,The desolations of many generations.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!