



Message Outline Family Tragedy 2 Samuel 13-15



Intro: Two key pivots in David's plot: 1) Goliath (1Sam16) 2) Bathsheba (2Sam11-12).
• Effects in wake of affair (2Sam.12ff.)...
-Forgiveness and consequences...

13:1-2—Echoes of Bathsheba incident...

- David's family tree and family dynamics...

v.3-4a—"crafty" isn't always good: be careful who your kids allow to speak into their life!

v.4-6—Jonadab's plan to trap Tamar, and David's lack of dialogue with his son...

v.7-14—Rape within family and nation...

v.15-22—Responses to rape: Amnon, Absalom, David, Tamar...

- Anger but not action (v.21)...unaddressed issues becoming larger issues!

v.23-29—"pressing" dad, revenging brother...

- Family dysfunction and danger for David!

v.30-39—Report, remorse, refugee...

14:1-33—Absalom's return home and "reconciliation" with David...

15:1-6—Absalom's rebellious course...

- David's silence to it all...

v.7-12—Rebellion and revolution...

v.13-16—David forced to flee from his own city...

- David's concubines and consequences (cf. 2Sam.13:10-12, 16:20-22)...

Lessons from the Heart

- 1) _____
• Sins ripples are dysfunction, danger, death (Jms. 1:14-15, Rom.6:23)...
• Redemption ripples in Jesus (Mt.13:31ff)...
- 2) _____
• David's still a man after God's own heart even after all this (1Sam13:14, Acts13:22)!
- 3) _____
• David's dad lessons...



Small Group



Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: Exodus 1-4—Moses and the Exodus

**What does this text say about God? What does it say about me/humanity?*

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

**Family Dysfunction: Think of your favorite TV sitcom. What do you notice about the portrayal of family on that sitcom? If you were to make a TV show about the life of David so far, what would you call the show? Why?*

**Young David was a man of action—taking on Goliath, fighting battles etc. Why do you think David the king does "nothing" in this week's passage?*

**What parenting lessons (or lack thereof) did you learn from David's handling of his kids Amnon and/or Absalom that helps you in your interaction with children?*

**What words of counsel/comfort could you offer to the wounds of Bathsheba and Tamar in the wake of 2 Samuel 11 and 13?*