

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

1) 03 Jun 2018.....	2Sam 1-2.....	Respected
2) 10 Jun.....	2Sam 3-4.....	Crowned
3) 17 Jun.....	2Sam 5-6.....	Celebrated
4) 24 Jun.....	2Sam 7-8.....	Established
5) 01 Jul.....	2Sam 9-10.....	Valued
6) 08 Jul.....	2Sam 11-12.....	Accountable
7) 15 Jul.....	2Sam 13-14.....	Grieved
8) 22 Jul.....	2Sam 15-17.....	Deposed
9) 29 Jul.....	2Sam 18-19.....	Restored
10) 05 Aug.....	2Sam 20.....	Averted
11) 12 Aug.....	2Sam 21.....	Resolved
12) 19 Aug.....	2Sam 22-23.....	Thankful
13) 26 Aug.....	2Sam 24.....	Disciplined

**INTRODUCTION**

- Recall David's pronouncement of restitution for the story Nathan told him regarding a rich man taking the poor man's lamb. It was to be 4-fold. This pronouncement seemed foretelling of what David would eventually pay for killing Uriah, and it begins in these 2 chapters.
- Recall the actors in this unfolding drama for chapters 13 & 14:
  - Tamar**, Absalom's sister, Amnon's half-sister, raped by Amnon
  - Absalom**, King David's 3<sup>rd</sup> son by Maacah, daughter of Talmi, king of Geshur, which was about 100 miles northeast of Jerusalem, and where Absalom fled to after he killed Amnon
  - Amnon**, #1 son, who lusted after and raped his half-sister, Tamar
  - Jonadab**, a cousin of Amnon, Absalom, & Tamar who was shrewd (lit. wise or cunning)
  - King David**, heard of the rape incident, got angry but did nothing
  - Joab**, David's nephew and commander in chief, who connived a wise woman from Tekoa to convince David to bring back Absalom, who he would later kill in Chapter 18
  - The Wise Woman from Tekoa**. She gives wise counsel to David, but would it have been better to let Absalom stay in Geshur?

Passage	Comments
2Samuel 13:1-22	<p><b>David's Dysfunctional Family Rends a Nation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tamar is raped; Amnon gets away with it; Dad does nothing about it; and Absalom plots his revenge                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What should David had done as Dad to his 1<sup>st</sup> son, Amnon, his heir to the throne?</li> <li>If Jonadab was a godly man, what advice should he have given to Amnon to curb his lust?</li> <li>If Absalom was a godly man, how should he have dealt with his vengeful attitude?</li> <li>Where is God in all this?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no easy or simple answer to this question</li> <li>We live in a fallen/cursed world where "the Prince of the Power of the Air," Satan, rules for now..... <a href="#">Eph 2:2</a></li> <li>OT theology taught people to fear God and blessings would follow (Deutoronomic principle), BUT God's "progressive revelation" expounded on this to include God allowing bad things to happen to good people for therapeutic reasons, and good things to happen to bad people for judgmental reasons ..... <a href="#">Psalm 73</a></li> </ul>
13:24-39	<p><b>Absalom Avenges Tamar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Son #3, Absalom, kills the 1<sup>st</sup> born son, the heir to the throne, Amnon</li> <li>Where is the 2<sup>nd</sup> son, Chileab by Abigail (<a href="#">2Sam 3:3</a>)? We can only presume he is long dead since Adonijah, son #4, told Bathsheba he was next in line to the throne (<a href="#">1Kings 2:15</a>)</li> <li>Therefore, Absalom, is heir to the throne after killing Amnon. What drama. What is King David to do?</li> <li>v39. King David's heart longed for his son, Absalom</li> </ul>

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14:1-20	<p><b>A Wise Woman to the Rescue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v1. Joab perceived the king's heart longed for Absalom, so he had the wisdom to know what to do to entice David to do the right thing, BUT was it godly wisdom considering how things turn out in a few more chapters</li> <li>David does see the wisdom of this woman from Tekoa</li> <li>Is God working behind the scene or is He just letting things play out naturally? ..... Probably YES to both</li> <li><b>Remember this:</b> God was nowhere to be found when Satan had his way with Adam &amp; Eve either, but God did leave them His word. Same here, God was noticeably absent, but His word was always available                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That's all we need to fight Satan and the sin that lies within us – is God's word. Do we know His word sufficiently to win the battle against sin? We should!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
14:21-33	<p><b>Absalom Returns Home and Where is Dad?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vv21-24. Yes, David's heart longed for his son, his new heir to the throne, but instead of working through things, he took the path of least resistance and didn't deal with it for 2 more years.</li> <li>v33. It would be 7 years after Tamar was raped before he's forced to hug/kiss his long-lost son</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- When did David's dysfunctional parenting skills kick in? After wife #2? Or after concubine #50? They kicked in the moment he ignored God's word on any issue. God tries us every moment..... [Job 7:18](#)
- Remember:** God blesses when we obey immediately, not when we partially obey, and not when we delay our obedience.

**NEXT WEEK: 2Samuel 15-17.** David's 3<sup>rd</sup> son, Absalom, conspires against his Dad, chases his Dad out of Jerusalem, seeks his Dad's demise, and sleeps with his Dad's concubines. Again, what made David's family so dysfunctional? What fixes dysfunctional behavior?



**King David was an enigma.** He was a man after God's own heart, yet he was guilty of everything God hated, including pride, lying, adultery, & murder. [Prov 6:16-19](#)