

TRIUMPHS
AND TRIALS
of the
KING



When Things Go From Bad to Worse

2 SAMUEL 12:26-13




How do we keep evil from destroying the people we love?

Where do we find hope when the damage is already done?



2 Samuel 12

26 Joab fought against Rabbah of the Ammonites and captured the royal fortress. 27 Then Joab sent messengers to David to say, "I have fought against Rabbah and have also captured its water supply.

28 Now therefore, assemble the rest of the troops, lay siege to the city, and capture it. Otherwise I will be the one  to capture the city, and it will be named after me."

2 Samuel 12

29 So David assembled all the troops and went to Rabbah; he fought against it and captured it. 30 He took the crown from the head of their king, and it was placed on David's head. The crown weighed seventy-five pounds of gold, and it had a precious stone in it. In addition, David took away a large quantity of plunder from the city.



31 He removed the people who were in the city and put

2 Samuel 13

1 Some time passed. David's son Absalom had a beautiful sister named Tamar, and David's son Amnon was infatuated with her.

2 Amnon was frustrated to the point of making himself sick over his sister Tamar because she was a virgin, but it seemed impossible to do anything to her.



2 Samuel 13

3 Amnon had a friend named Jonadab, a son of David's brother Shimeah. Jonadab was a very shrewd man, 4 and he asked Amnon, "Why are you, the king's son, so miserable every morning? Won't you tell me?" Amnon replied, "I'm in love with Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister."

5 Jonadab said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend you're sick. When your father comes to see you, say to him,



2 Samuel 13

6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be sick. When the king came to see him, Amnon said to him, "Please let my sister Tamar come and make a couple of cakes in my presence so I can eat from her hand."

7 David sent word to Tamar at the palace: "Please go to your brother Amnon's house and prepare a meal for him."

8 Then Tamar went to his house while Amnon was lying
down. She took dough, kneaded it, made cakes in his



2 Samuel 13

9 She brought the pan and set it down in front of him, but he refused to eat. Amnon said, "Everyone leave me!" And everyone left him.

10 "Bring the meal to the bedroom," Amnon told Tamar, "so I can eat from your hand." Tamar took the cakes she had made and went to her brother Amnon's bedroom.

11 When she brought them to him to eat, he grabbed her and said, "Come sleep with me, my sister!"



2 Samuel 13

12 “Don’t, my brother!” she cried. “Don’t disgrace me, for such a thing should never be done in Israel. Don’t commit this outrage!

13 Where could I ever go with my humiliation? And you—you would be like one of the outrageous fools in Israel! Please, speak to the king, for he won’t keep me from you.” 14 But he refused to listen to her, and because he



stronger than she was, he disgraced her by raping her.



“You have heard that it was said, Do not commit adultery.
But I tell you, everyone, who looks at a woman lustfully has
already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Matthew 5:27-28



2 Samuel 13

15 So Amnon hated Tamar with such intensity that the hatred he hated her with was greater than the love he had loved her with. "Get out of here!" he said.

16 "No," she cried, "sending me away is much worse than the great wrong you've already done to me!"

But he refused to listen to her.

17 Instead, he called to the servant who waited on him,



2 Samuel 13

18 Amnon's servant threw her out and bolted the door behind her. Now Tamar was wearing a long-sleeved robe garment, because this is what the king's virgin daughters wore. 19 Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the long-sleeved robe she was wearing. She put her hand on her head and went away crying out.

20 Her brother Absalom said to her, "Has your brother Amnon been with you? Be quiet for now, my sister. He is





“Be killing sin or it will end up killing you.”
--John Owen



2 Samuel 13

21 When King David heard about all these things, he was furious.

22 Absalom didn't say anything to Amnon, either good or bad, because he hated Amnon since he disgraced his sister Tamar.



Solomon's Wisdom



The one who will not use the rod hates his son,
but the one who loves him disciplines him diligently.

Proverbs 13:24

An angry person stirs up conflict,
and a hot-tempered one increases rebellion.



Proverbs 29:22



2 Samuel 13

23 Two years later, Absalom's sheepshearers were at Baal-hazor near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

24 Then he went to the king and said, "Your servant has just hired sheepshearers. Will the king and his servants please come with your servant?"



2 Samuel 13

25 The king replied to Absalom, "No, my son, we should not all go, or we would be a burden to you." Although Absalom urged him, he wasn't willing to go, though he did bless him.

26 "If not," Absalom said, "please let my brother Amnon go with us." The king asked him, "Why should he go with you?"

27 But Absalom urged him, so he sent Amnon and all the

king's sons.





"The true convert hates sin, not for the punishment it produces but for the pollution it brings."

--Thomas Watson



2 Samuel 13

28 Now Absalom commanded his young men, "Watch Amnon until he is in a good mood from the wine. When I order you to strike Amnon, then kill him. Don't be afraid. Am I not the one who has commanded you? Be strong and valiant!"

29 So Absalom's young men did to Amnon just as Absalom had commanded. Then all the rest of the king's



2 Samuel 13

30 While they were on the way, a report reached David:

“Absalom struck down all the king’s sons; not even one of them survived!”

31 In response the king stood up, tore his clothes, and lay down on the ground, and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn.



2 Samuel 13

32 But Jonadab, son of David's brother Shimeah, spoke up: "My lord must not think they have killed all the young men, the king's sons, because only Amnon is dead. In fact, Absalom has planned this ever since the day Amnon disgraced his sister Tamar.

33 So now, my lord the king, don't take seriously the report



that says all the king's sons are dead. Only Amnon is

2 Samuel 13

34 Meanwhile, Absalom had fled. When the young man who was standing watch looked up, there were many people coming from the road west of him from the side of the mountain.

35 Jonadab said to the king, "Look, the king's sons have come! It's exactly like your servant said." 36 Just as he finished speaking, the king's sons entered and wept loudly.



2 Samuel 13

37 But Absalom fled and went to Talmai son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day.

38 After Absalom had fled to Geshur and had been there three years,

39 King David longed to go to Absalom, for David had finished grieving over Amnon's death.





“You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, Do not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment.

But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Whoever insults his brother or sister will be subject to the court. Whoever says



‘You fool!’ will be subject to hellfire.”





He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him."

Colossians 2:15

