

ALL IN THE FAMILY 2 SAM. 13

As I discovered at my Grandmother's funeral – my memories of childhood with the Adcock / Custer family reunion was everyone's favorite memories. **Not so much in David's family!**

Amnon: impulses without inhibitions

2 Samuel 13:1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and **Amnon the son of David loved her.** **2 Samuel 13:2** And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

Thoughts:

➤ **Everyone has temptations**

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

➤ **Some temptations might even be forbidden &/ unthinkable**

➤ **Those temptations must not be given any encouragement**

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: **James 1:14** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. **James 1:15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts (δουλεύοντες ἐπιθυμίαις καὶ ποικίλαις) and pleasures (ἡδοναῖς), living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. **Titus 3:4** But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, **Titus 3:5** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Colossians 3:5 **Mortify** (Νεκρώσατε) therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection (πάθος), evil concupiscence (ἐπιθυμίαν κακήν), and covetousness, which is idolatry:

➤ **Giving them any thought will eventually bring a disaster**

2 Samuel 13:11 And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister.

2 Samuel 13:12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly (אֵת-הַנְּבִלָה הַזֶּה). **2 Samuel 13:13** And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools (הַנְּבִלִים בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל) in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. **2 Samuel 13:14** Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

Don't give them any oxygen!!!

➤ **The satisfaction of them never satisfies**

2 Samuel 13:15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone. **2 Samuel 13:16** And she said unto him, There is no cause: this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her. **2 Samuel 13:17** Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her. **2 Samuel 13:18** And she had a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

Jonadab: wisdom without a moral compass / due north!

2 Samuel 13:3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtil man. **2 Samuel 13:4** And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. **2 Samuel 13:5** And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand. **2 Samuel 13:6** So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand. **2 Samuel 13:7** Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat.

Thoughts:

➤ **Jonadab was wise → sly, clever, devious...**

- **Jonadab was both observant & insightful**
- **Jonadab lacked...goodness? Empathy?**

Matthew 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Romans 16:19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: **but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.**

1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, **be not children (παιδιά)** in understanding: howbeit in malice **be ye children (νηπιάζετε)**, but in understanding **be men (τέλειοι γίνεσθε).**

- **Jonadab was both a relative & a friend**
- **Jonadab was nowhere to be found during & immediately after the debacle**
- **Jonadab was always...**

2 Samuel 13:30 And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. **2 Samuel 13:31** Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent. **2 Samuel 13:32** And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. **2 Samuel 13:33** Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead.

David: emotions without wisdom or action

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2 Samuel 13:21 But when king David heard of all these things, **he was very wroth.**

2 Samuel 13:37 But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. **And David mourned for his son every day.** **2 Samuel 13:38** So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there **three years.** **2 Samuel 13:39** **And the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for** he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

Thoughts:

- **David didn't get the plot**
- **David did get angry**
- **David mourned**
- **David longed for Absalom**
- **David did... nothing!**

Amnon → Absalom → Adonijah!

Absalom: hatred without impulsiveness

2 Samuel 13:22 **And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad:** for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar. **2 Samuel 13:23** And it came to pass **after two full years,** that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

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Tamar: a beautiful young lady without a (real) family