

“The Love of the Father”
2 Samuel 12:9-14, 18:31-33
Sunday, June 8, 2025

2 Samuel 12:9-14

Nathan said to David... Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now 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.’ ¹¹Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. ¹²For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.’” ¹³David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die.”

2 Samuel 18:31-33

And behold, the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, “Good news for my lord the king! For the LORD has delivered you this day from the hand of all who rose up against you.” ³²The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” And the Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up against you for evil be like that young man.” ³³And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

Introduction: The “loss” of Absalom...

Act One: “Absalom’s Intervention”

Amnon and Tamar

David’s Non-Response

Absalom and Amnon

When we violate God’s Law, WE are the ones who get broken...

Act Two: “David’s Paralysis”

2 Samuel 13:39

And the spirit of the king longed to go out to Absalom, because he was comforted about Amnon, since he was dead.

1. David knows, in his heart, Absalom was seeking justice for his sister...
2. David loves Absalom... But doesn't have the emotional "energy" to navigate the family tensions and politics...

2 Samuel 14:33

Then Joab went to the king and told him, and he summoned Absalom. So he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king, and the king kissed Absalom.

Two (2) Applications:

1. OVER-COMMUNICATE love to the people in your life.
2. God's grace has not filled you until God's grace is coming out of you.

"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" (Lord's Prayer)

"Great Commission"—He calls us to share that same grace to those around us...

Act Three: "David's Humiliation"

Absalom winning the hearts of the people...

Absalom usurps the Throne from David...

David Flees...

2 Samuel 16:5-12

When King David came to Bahurim, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera, and as he came he cursed continually. ⁶And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. ⁷And Shimei said as he cursed, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, you worthless man! ⁸The LORD has avenged on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned, and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. See, your evil is on you, for you are a man of blood."

⁹Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and take off his head." ¹⁰But the king said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the LORD has said to him, 'Curse David,' who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?'" ¹¹And David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "Behold, my own son seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjaminite! Leave him alone, and let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. ¹²It may be that the LORD will look on the wrong done to me, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing today."

The Last Act

2 Samuel 18:31-33