WEEK NINE

David Part VII

**Proverbs 13:20**

He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

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Date: Time of day:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 13:1-9

Examine –

1. Who had a fair sister?
2. What was her name?
3. Who loved her?
4. Define Vexed –
5. What was he feeling about his sister?
6. Why did Amnon think it hard to do anything to her?
7. What did Amnon have?
8. What was his name?
9. How does the Bible describe him?
10. What did Jonadab want to know?
11. What did Amnon tell him?
12. What “plan” did he have to get Tamar in the room?
13. Was he really sick?
14. Did David come to see him?
15. What did he want Tamar to do for him?
16. Did David send her?
17. What did she do when she arrived?
18. What did Amnon refuse to do?
19. Who did Amnon send away?

Apply-

What Amnon was scared to do a “crafty” friend helped convince him to do. What do your friends encourage you to do?

*“Friendships cemented together with sin do not hold!”*

What do you encourage your friends to do?

Prayer

Praise

Date: Time of day:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 13:10-18

Examine –

1. What did Amnon want her to do with the meat?
2. When she came in what did he do and say to her?
3. What is her appeal to him?
4. What does she call this at the end of verse 12?
5. With what would she have to deal?
6. What would he be?
7. What did she say he could do if he wanted to marry her?
8. Would the king have denied him?
9. Did he listen to her?
10. How could he force her?

It sounds to me like Tamar is not entirely against being his wife. Amnon however was only concerned about feeding his desires now. No thought was given about the future!

1. What emotion did Amnon now have for her?
2. How did this emotion weigh in comparison to his love for her?
3. What did Amnon want her to do?
4. How does she describe this sending away?

Deut 22:28-29 describes the law of God for a man who lies with a virgin not engaged to another. It was forbidden for him to put her away he must marry her. He continues to violate God’s law.

1. How did he get rid of her?
2. What did he want done to the door?
3. What did she have and what did it symbolize?
4. What did the servant do?

Apply-

No one has to be told that raping a young lady is wrong. Many of you are thinking that this would not be possible for you but what are your viewing and listening habits? Are you feeding your mind with filthy images? Is the music you are listening to causing your mind to dwell on that which is sensual? Do you sit and think about immoral things? If these things are a problem for you then please see someone that can help you – this will destroy you!!!!

Prayer

Praise

Date: Time of day:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 13:19-29

Examine –

1. What four things did Tamar do as she went home?
2. Who did she go to see?
3. Who did he immediately suspect?
4. What did he ask her to do?
5. Where did she remain?
6. How does the Bible describe her?
7. Did David hear of these things?
8. What was his response?

* There wasn’t much he could do since he was the one that set the example for his son. David is still reaping!

1. How did Absalom speak to his brother?
2. How does it describe his feelings for him?
3. How long had it been?
4. What were Absalom and his men doing?
5. Who did he invite?
6. Who did Absalom want to come to the feast but he refused?
7. Who else did he want to go?
8. Would Absalom take no for an answer?
9. What were Absalom’s servants to observe?

* I wonder how they knew that he would be drunk?!?!

1. What did Absalom want the servants to do?
2. Did they do it?
3. What did the other King’s sons do and how?

Apply-

It was 2 years but Absalom got his revenge. Where do you think Jonadab was during this time? Some friend!!! Amnon was wrong but Absalom hated and eventually murdered his brother and he is not done. This was only the beginning of his issues. No matter what others do to you, you cannot hate them or plot to get them back. God is the one responsible for judgment! **Romans 12:19** Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time of day:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 13:30-39

Examine –

1. What initial story did David hear about the situation?
2. How many of his sons were left?
3. What was David’s response to this story?
4. What did his servants do?
5. Who was there to correct the story for David?
6. Who was the only one dead?
7. When did Absalom determine to do this?
8. What should the King not take to heart?

Put your thinking caps on for a minute: Who plotted the “rape” anyway? How does Jonadab know that Absalom was going to kill him? How long had he known that? Sounds like a great friend doesn’t he? He plots the wickedness, knows the consequences, doesn’t warn his “friend” and tells the king that it is no big deal! What a guy!!!!

1. What did Absalom do?
2. What did the watchman of the city see?
3. What did Jonadab say?
4. What did the sons do when they got there?
5. Who else was crying?
6. Where did Absalom go?
7. For whom did David mourn? (verse 39 tells us)
8. How long was Absalom gone?
9. For what was David longing?
10. From what was he comforted?

* The idea is that since Amnon was dead that David could do nothing for him but there was still a relationship potential with Absalom!

Apply-

Jonadab is slick enough to be close to David without David ever knowing what really happened. (David is his uncle) The Bible calls him subtil (13:3) which means shrewd, crafty, cunning, wily, subtle. Satan was also called this. Are you “slick”? Can you “get away” with things? You are really not getting away with them – God is watching!

Prayer

Praise

Date: Time of day:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 14:1

Examine –

1. What did Joab perceive?
2. Who did Joab send for and why?
3. Who put the words in her mouth?
4. How many sons did the woman have in her “made up” story?
5. What happened to the one?
6. What did the family want to do with the other?
7. Of what did the King assure her?
8. After he gave her the assurance he thought she wanted how does she turn the story?
9. According to verse 19, who does the King suspect in this plot?
10. What does the woman say about the king when he asked her this?
11. What does the King tell Joab to do?
12. How does Joab respond to the King?
13. When Absalom returns home what is he to do and not do?
14. For what was Absalom praised?
15. How does the Bible describe him?
16. The word polled means to shave – how often did he do this and why?
17. How much did it weigh?

* Bonus – How much did it weigh in pounds?

1. How many children did Absalom have?
2. How does the Bible describe his daughter?

Apply-

Several thoughts about this story are interesting as we move forward: Joab wanted him back (Joab will later kill him), David did not want to see him (to be honest I cannot figure out why), Absalom had some great qualities about him, and last he named his daughter Tamar (in honor of his sister perhaps). Tolerating someone is not real restoration! David had him back but he really had no relationship with him. Do you just tolerate someone that has wronged you or do you invest in them? **Proverbs 21:14** A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.

Prayer

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Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 14:28-15:9

Examine –

1. How long was Absalom at Jerusalem?
2. Who did he not see?
3. Who did he send for and why?
4. Did Joab come?
5. What did Absalom do to Joab’s fields?

* This guy was something else!

1. Did he get Joab’s attention?
2. What does Absalom want to get solved?
3. Did David call for him?
4. What did each man do when they saw each other?

* This is no more than you would do. It was seen in that day as a greeting!

1. What did Absalom prepare for himself?
2. What did Absalom say to men who came for a judgment by the king?
3. When men tried to honor him how did he respond?
4. By doing this what did he accomplish?
5. How long had it been?

There is some debate about this figure: Some say it should be 4 years; others say that it was forty years since Israel asked for a king so they were ripe for a change. This seems the most logical but certainly not conclusive.

1. Where did he want to go and why?
2. Where did he vow this vow?
3. What was his “vow”?
4. What was the King’s response to him?

Apply-

Isn’t it amazing how men use “religion” to gain what they want! He sure makes it sound good but he could care less about serving God. Do you try to undermine authority by putting questions in people’s minds or by saying “Sure wish I was in charge”? If people will question others in front of you they will question you in front of others!

Absalom was a guy that would use people to get what he wanted. Do you use people?

Prayer

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Main thought to meditate on today:

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Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 15:10-29

Examine –

1. What had he sent through all of Israel?
2. Where would he set up his kingdom?
3. How many men went with Absalom?
4. Did they know what they were doing?
5. How does the Bible describe the conspiracy?
6. What message did David get about the conspiracy?
7. What was David’s response to the news?
8. About what was he concerned?
9. What was the response of the servants?
10. Who did David leave behind and why?
11. Match the words with the right definition (You will have to look these up):

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| Cherethites |  | 1. Belonging to Gath |
| Pelethites |  | 1. Executioners/body guards |
| Gittites |  | 1. Guardsmen |

1. How many men passed before David?
2. Who did David say had permission to stay at Jerusalem and why?
3. Did he heed his advice?
4. What did they pass over?
5. What were they doing as they went?
6. According to verse 24 what did they begin to bear out of the city?
7. What did David want done with the Ark?
8. Who was really in charge of what was happening anyway? What verse proves David understood this?
9. What were the two sons of the priest to do for David?
10. Where would David stay?

Apply-

This was a sad day for the people and for David, not only were they losing their homeland but it was an internal conflict and it was David’s house that was doing it. (Remember he is still reaping) David did not want the Ark to come because this was God’s city and if God wanted he could bring David back and if not then David was ok with that. Can you trust God when things get rough? Can you trust God when it appears things are going to end badly? You can but will you?

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