

Sunday Night Message

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2 Samuel 13 - Friends

Topics – David; Amnon; Jonadab; Absalom; Tamar; rape; incest

Series – 2 Samuel

Introduction

[Read Chapter 13]

Comments from the Scripture:

V. 1 - Amnon was the oldest son of David; Tamar and Absalom were the children of David and Maacah:

"And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmi king of Geshur;" (2 Samuel 3:2-3)

The lust that Amnon had for his half-sister was clearly forbidden by the law:

"None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD. ... The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness." (Leviticus 18:6, 11; also 20:17; Deuteronomy 27:22)

Vs. 12 – 13 – Tamar appeals for Amnon to stop for four reasons:

1. It was wrong (Leviticus 18:6, 11; also 20:17; Deuteronomy 27:22).
2. It would bring shame to her and the entire family of David.
3. It would ruin Amnon's right to the throne. He was the oldest son.
4. At the very least, he should get the king's approval.

V. 20 – Absalom realizes what has happened, but he does not react emotionally or even reveal his emotions to his sister.

V. 21 – David reacts emotionally, but as far as we know, he does not take any action against his oldest son. There needs to be justice. Had David judged Amnon, Absalom may not have sought revenge.

V. 32 – Jonadab appears to not only have been complicit in the rape of Tamar, but he also may have been working with Absalom in Amnon's murder. He at the very least knew about it, but he did not report it to David.

V. 39 – Concluding thought regarding David's involvement. David should have been recused from any handling of this matter – the judgment of Amnon's crime; the handling of Absalom's judgment (if any) for the revenge killing of Amnon. David was too close to the situation. He doesn't really deal with Absalom – he ignores him - and as a result, Absalom revolts against his father.

Message Regarding Friendships

Amnon had a bad friend. Do you have good friends or bad friends? Are you a good friend or a bad friend?

Illustration – My friends growing up – Paul and Jimmy (trouble); Edward (good friend)

Read through and explain 2 Samuel 13:1 – 21

Supporting verses:

"If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:" - (Deuteronomy 13:6-8)

"A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." - (Proverbs 17:17)

"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." - (Proverbs 18:24)

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." - (Proverbs 27:6)

"Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel." - (Proverbs 27:9)

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." - (Proverbs 27:17)

Good friends are hard to find, but they will prove to be an extremely valuable asset in life.

Conversely, acquaintances are many – and fair weather friends are easy to find, but they will often let you down when you really need them.

The Scripture says that *"wealth maketh many friends"* (Proverbs 19:4); and *"the rich hath many friends"* (Proverbs 14:20). But as the Prodigal Son found out in the new testament, when the money runs out those fair weather friends will be gone.

Transition – Tonight we are going to look at **three considerations** regarding friends. As we examine these three considerations, I want you to think about not only what kind of friends you have, but also what kind of friend you are to others.

"You are or you soon will be who you hang around" (Bob Gray Sr.)

I Consider Their Convictions (love for God)

Is your friend a friend to God, or a friend to the world.

Jesus said:

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." - (John 15:14)

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." - (James 4:4)

Is he/she saved?

Is he/she surrendered?

To the will of God

To the Word of God

To the Spirit of God

Is he/she serving?

Is he/she separated?

Is he/she a soul winner?

Observation – people that are truly a friend to God will be a friend to you as well. (Illustrate - Paul and Silas)

II Consider Their Compassion (love for others)

Does he/she have a love for others? Do they put others first?

Cornelius called his friends so that they could be saved.

The woman at the well called her friends.

Is he/she a giver or a taker?

Illustrate – Do they share?

Stingy on Lazy Town

Seagulls on Finding Nemo

Will he/she be there for you when you need him?

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Note – sometimes the person that you do not enjoy to be around so much is a better friend. Because they will be there for you when you need them.

Will he/she tell you what you need to hear – not what you want to hear?

The Bible says “faithful are the wounds of a friend”

Observation – you will avoid good friends when you are in a backslidden condition, and will choose instead to run with people who are in the same spiritual condition that you are in. (Illustrate – David and Jonathon were good friends)

III Consider Their Character – (love for self)

Will he/she violate their convictions when it is convenient for them?

Will he/she cease being compassionate toward others when it no longer benefits them?

Illustrate – “D” at the flea market – “He did it” – blamed me for lighting the fire.

Are they lazy?

Are they always late?

Will they let you down when you really need them?

Will they yield to temptation in the heat of the moment? Can they say no to temptation?

Are they chameleons?

Can they keep their mouth shut or do they love to share a juicy story?

“Jonadab was a subtil man” – he was sneaky

Note – I am not saying that if a person you know lacks character that you should not be a friend to them; but you do need to be very careful that you do not allow them to influence you. (Illustrate – Ananias and Saphira – influenced each other to do wrong; Paul and Timothy – Paul influenced Timothy to do right in areas of character.)

Conclusion

Amnon had a friend named Jonadab, but his friend was not a good friend. Jonadab was a snake. He was a picture of the devil.

I wonder – do you have any Jonadabs in your life that are influencing you to do wrong?

Have you considered who your friends are? Anybody that will influence you away from the will of God is a Jonadab.

Have you considered the kind of friend you are to others?

