

### 2 Samuel 13 - *Like Father Like Sons*

- Think about this: if David never practiced polygamy to begin with, none of this would have ever happened. Not once is polygamy spoken of in positive terms, yet nearly always it is presented with negative consequences.
- If Jonadab was truly a good friend, how should he have handled the confession of Amnon that he was in love with his sister?
  - Some people choose their friends based upon how favorable their advice is to their own persona desired. When seeking friends, seek those who are willing to tell you the truth, even when it hurts.
- How could it be that Amnon hated Tamar immediately after he forced himself upon her, especially when he previously “loved” her?
- What was the law’s requirement for a person who raped a woman in Israel? What was the law’s requirement for a person who committed incest?
  - What do you believe would have been the appropriate response from David upon hearing of this?
- How (if possible) could this murder of Amnon been prevented?
- One of David’s weaknesses as a faith is his reluctance to discuss difficult matters with the family.
  - What happens within a family when the repeated approach to difficult experiences is to forget about it, not say anything, and move on?

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### 2 Samuel 14 - *The “Widow” from Tekoa*

- Why would David rule in favor of this lady’s request, rather than sentence her son to be killed, since he was a murderer as admitted by his own mother?
- Absalom was People’s magazine’s Most Handsome man in Israel. Why does the Bible mention how handsome Absalom was?
- How do you think Joab was feeling about his decision to get Absalom to live again in Jerusalem after Absalom burned his field?