DAVID

A MAN AFTER GOD’S OWN HEART

Pastor’s Bible Study 2019

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Episode 8: **The Troubles of the King**

2 Samuel 11-19

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1. Which of David's sons fell in love with one of David's daughters? (13:1)
2. What proposition did Amnon make to Tamar when they were alone? (13:11)
3. How did Amnon treat Tamar after he had slept with her? (13:15)
4. What are the pitfalls of taking justice into your own hands?
5. What was David's reaction when he heard about the incident involving Amnon and Tamar? (13:21)
6. What did Absalom do with his anger toward Amnon? (13:22)
7. What order did Absalom give to his men concerning his brother Amnon? (13:28)
8. What interpersonal "disaster waiting to happen" could you deal with before greater harm is done?
9. What elaborate ruse did Joab arrange to help David do what he wanted to do? (14:1-3)
10. What did David tell Joab to do? (14:21-23)
11. What are some ways that ambitious individuals can "buy" a following?
12. What symbols of status and power did Absalom acquire? (15:1)
13. How did the Israelites react to Absalom? (15:6)
14. How do ambitious people manipulate the truth to their own advantage?
15. What discouraging message came to David in Jerusalem? (15:13)
16. Why was David so quick to leave Jerusalem without a fight? (15:14)
17. For what reasons did David's followers ask him not to go into battle himself? (18:3)
18. What command did all the troops hear David giving his commanders as they left the city? (18:5)
19. How did Joab make sure that Absalom was not taken alive? (18:14-15)
20. Why do you suppose Joab chose to ignore David's plea and killed Absalom himself?
21. To what extent do you expect a leader to set aside his or her personal feelings for the good of the group?
22. What was David's response to the news of the death of his son? (18:33)
23. What were Joab's accusations against David? (19:5-6)
24. Why was David's reaction confusing and disheartening to his followers?
25. To what extent does God expect a leader to set aside his or her own emotions and work for the good of the group?
26. The story of Absolom and David is not just a story of a King and a rebel. It is the story of a Father and a son. What types of relationship and family strife or trouble have you encountered? How can the members of your group help?