

F. Absalom Runs Away from Home

He stays away for three years without any contact with his father, David. While away, his anger grew stronger.

G. Absalom Plots to Overthrow David

The dominos continue to fall as Absalom's anger grew into a scheme to overthrow David from the throne. When a messenger tells David of his son's conspiracy, David becomes afraid:

"Then we must flee at once, or it will be too late!" David urged his men. "Hurry! If we get out of the city before Absalom arrives, both we and the city of Jerusalem will be spared from disaster."

2 Samuel 15:14 (NLT)

H. Joab Murders Absalom

The final domino in David's domestic storm fell with a tragic "thump" with the death of his son, Absalom. As he is riding his mule, Absalom passes under an oak tree and catches his hair in its branches. The mule bolts leaving Absalom hanging. General Joab takes advantage and kills Absalom. When David hears of his son's death, he was devastated.

The king was overcome with emotion. He went up to the room over the gateway and burst into tears. And as he went, he cried, "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you! O Absalom, my son, my son."

2 Samuel 18:33 (NLT)

Spiritual Principle

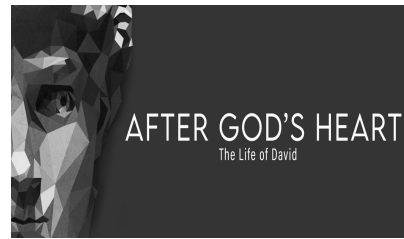
When you genuinely repent of your sin, God instantly forgives you, yet earthly consequences remain.

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Galatians 6:7-8a (GW)



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and will harvest the whirlwind.*

Hosea 8:7a (NLT)

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David's Problems at Home

1. How Did David Get into This Mess?

- David saw Bathsheba. He wanted her. He sent for her. He slept with her. Bathsheba becomes pregnant. David brings Uriah, her husband home from battle. Uriah refuses to sleep with his wife. The next night, David gets Uriah drunk. He still refuses to sleep with her. David decides to get rid of him. He returns Uriah to the battlefield with a plan to have him killed. Uriah dies.

2. Prophet Nathan Confronts David

A. The General Prediction

Therefore murder shall be a constant threat in your family from this time on because you have insulted me by taking Uriah's wife. I vow that because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you. I will give your wives to another man, and he will go to bed with them in public view. You did it secretly, but I will do this to you openly, in the sight of all Israel."

2 Samuel 12:10-12 (LB)

3. Here Comes the Whirlwind and the Dominos Begin to Fall

A. Marital Infidelity

Then they put up a tent for Absalom up on the roof of the house. Absalom had sexual relations with his father's wives so that all the Israelites could see what happened.

2 Samuel 16:22 (ERV)

B. Bathsheba's Baby Dies

(The child) came down sick. David prayed desperately to God for the little boy. He fasted, wouldn't go out, and slept on the floor. The elders in his family came in and tried to get him off the floor, but he wouldn't budge. Nor could they get him to eat anything. On the seventh day the child died.

2 Samuel 12:15b-18a (MES)

C. Brother Disgraces Sister

Now David's son Absalom had a beautiful sister named Tamar. And Amnon, her half-brother, fell desperately in love with her.

2 Samuel 13:1 (NLT)

Amnon became so obsessed with Tamar that he became ill. She was a virgin, and Amnon thought he could never have her.

2 Samuel 13:2 (NLT)

C. Brother Disgraces Sister (Continued)

...he grabbed her and demanded, "Come to bed with me, my darling sister." "No, my brother!" she cried. "Don't be foolish! Don't do this to me! Such wicked things aren't done in Israel.

2 Samuel 13:11b-12 (NLT)

Then suddenly Amnon's love turned to hate, and he hated her even more than he had loved her. "Get out of here!" he snarled at her.

2 Samuel 13:15 (NLT)

D. Brother Hates Brother

When Absalom, Tamar's full brother, finds out what Amnon did to Tamar, the storm in David's family intensifies.

And though Absalom never spoke to Amnon about this, he hated Amnon deeply because of what he had done to his sister.

2 Samuel 13:22 (NLT)

Where was David when Amnon raped Tamar?
Where was David when Absalom harbored hate toward his brother?

King David heard what had happened, he was very angry.

2 Samuel 13:21 (NLT)

Yes, David was angry, but HE DID NOTHING.

E. Absalom Kills Amnon

Absalom waited two years for his father David to do something, but David never confronted Amnon. Absalom's anger grew and festered until finally Absalom takes matters into his own hands.

Then Absalom gave an order to his servants. "Watch now," he said. "When Amnon begins to feel good from drinking too much wine, I'll tell you, 'Attack Amnon.' Then kill him..." Absalom's servants did to Amnon as Absalom had ordered.

2 Samuel 13:28a & 29a (GW)