

2 Samuel 13:7-39

God is Patient

God is patient and full of mercy. I sometimes wonder when He will decide enough is enough. We don't wanna miss out on God's blessing.

Billy Graham was number three. The first guy went bankrupt and left the faith; the second guy committed suicide. Billy Graham was faithful and leaned into Jesus and He helped him. 1 in 10 pastors don't make it. **Are you leaning in to Christ and asking Him to lead you and help you? Who in this room is going to live for Christ and endure in Him? Is Jesus your Lord or is sin your lord?**

- **What do you do when you are tempted?**

James 1:13 *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.*

1 Corinthians 10:13 *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

James 4:7 *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

Mark 14:38 *Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

Who in your life points you to God and helps you be a better and more godly person?

- **Who in your life do you need to not be around because they lead you or help you sin?**

Vs 7-14 Amnon set out to seduce his sister. Amnon took the advice of a "friend" and faked being sick. He then had his father send his sister to take care of him.

Amnon was sick, because he lusted after his sister Tamar.

Amnon put sin above everything in his life. She was his god. What in your life do you get sick over and pursue that will bring you sin and shame and death?

- **When you are tempted by sin, how do you handle that? Do you pray? Do you bring it to light and talk to a friend? Do you replace that bad habit with something good? Do pursue that sin even though it will destroy you?**

Amnon was going to fall from the same sin as his father. He was going to sin with a woman who was not his wife. God would see it; God would justly judge it.

Tamar asked her brother to not sin; not to violate her before the Lord. And, then she said nothing is done like this within God's people, the Israelites. This was forbidden by God, but exual sin was Amnon's god.

Tamar knows this sin will embarrass her, but it will make him a fool known by the world. Lev 18:9 *You shall not uncover the nakedness of your sister, your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether brought up in the family or in another home.*

Amnon did not listen, and he violated his sister.

- **What sin can you not be talked out of and you will not listen? Will you ask Jesus to forgive you of that and will you ask Jesus to take that sin away from you?**

Vs 15-19 We want sin, but sin never satisfies. It only brings guilt and shame.

Jesus not only can forgive you of that sin, but He also takes away the guilt and shame.

John 10:27-30 *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."*

- **Jesus is greater than your sin. Jesus will forgive you. Run to Jesus! Sin kills, but Jesus saves.**

Amnon was not satisfied by his sin. He cast her out. She was an unsatisfying god to him. His sin impacted her, shamed her, left her alone and desolate. He wanted to do the sin in private, but he did not want to deal with the consequences of his sin. Deut 22:28-29 **It would be better for him to sin and marry her than to sin and abandon her.**

How has sin or had sin impacted others around you? How has your sin given you guilt and shame and hurt, but it also hurts those around you and there is nothing they can do about it?

Vs 20-22 Amnon violated, shamed and abandoned his sister and his sin separated him from his brother. Sin not only hurts us, but it tears things apart around us.

Vs 23-33 David manipulated Bathsheba and Uriah. Now David's kids are manipulating him. These sons of David are scheming for sin. Davids's sin impacted his sons. Sin brings shame and death.

Vs 30-33 Saul had dishonored God and his sons were not godly. Saul and his sons would perish. Now David has brought shame and his sons have done shameful things.

- **What sin do us as parents need to repent of to lead our wife and kids in a godly way?**

David did lose a son, and David is realizing that there are still consequences to his sin.

Vs 34-39 Absalom fled. Sin destroys this family. Shame is on the family. Gossip is on the family.

Galatians 5:16-26- Keep in Step with the Spirit

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

- **What sin do you need to repent of?**
- **What sin do you need to make amends for?**
- **Have you asked Jesus to forgive you and take away your sin?**
- **Will you ask God to show you your sin and help you change and impact those around you for good?**