
David: A Man After God's Heart
"Family Dysfunction"
2 Samuel 13-15

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Introduction: We have spent the past three weeks focused on David's sin with Bathsheba. When Nathan the prophet confronted David, he predicted the consequence of this sin.

1. This morning we begin to see those consequences unfold.
2. To a large extent, they will define the rest of David's life.
3. Today our focus will be on family dysfunction.
4. David had multiple wives and twenty-one children from those wives.
5. In addition, he had many concubines and undoubtedly many more children with them.
6. Given that reality, family dysfunction was inevitable.
7. There are many reasons why families struggle, and every problem we see here is not solely attributed to David.
8. David did fail in a few crucial areas.

I. A Lack Of Discipline

- A. With Amnon
- B. With Absalom
- C. With Adonijah (1 Kings 1:5-6)

II. A Lack Of Communication

- A. Three Years In Geshur
- B. Two Years In Jerusalem

C. Resentment Builds

D. Rebellion

Conclusion: David is not responsible for Absalom's choices, but he is responsible for his own.

1. His sin with Bathsheba had far reaching effect.
2. The complexity of blending this family dynamic daunting.
3. His failure to discipline compounded by his failure to communicate all contribute to this mess.
4. We live in a culture where family is under attack.
5. More than ever, we need to do family God's way!