

The Consequences of Sin
2 Samuel 13-21
Life of David Series
(David: After God's Own Heart)

Big idea:

Our decisions have massive impact on those around us,

A)And that's what we're going to see today in 2 Sam 13–21.

B)David's sin affected more than just him.

C)Now, let me give you a little warning:

D)Today's message is one of those ones that probably needs a lot of emotional padding.

E)It's about the scars of sin. They are ugly, and they hurt.

And I just want to say, as we walk through these chapters,

A)That I'm aware that some of you have some deep scars

B)That this passage has the potential to open up, again.

C)But I want you to know, first, that God never opens up a scar without the intention of mending it to completeness.

So it's important never to avoid GOD'S Word

A)it's good even when it's difficult.

B)God is going to use this in your heart today –

To bring healing and mending

1)even though some of this might be hard to hear.

I also want to say that the subject matter of today might not be appropriate for young kids or youth in the room right now

A) This passage does contain an incident of sexual assault; it's not graphic, but it's in the narrative.

B)We have a wonderful children's ministry –

C)In minute I am going to pray and you might want to slip out and check kiddos into kids ministry

D)2nd Service only – And we have a great Middle School and SR high youth ministries today – 1)available at this service as well.

PRAYER

After David's sin with Bathsheba, he hides it for 9 months until it is finally exposed by Nathan.....

A)David confesses and repents

B)And David is assured by Nathan -in 2 Samuel 12:13,

“God has put away your sin; you shall not die.”

C)But then Nathan also said to him these 3 things:
● Vs. 10, “...the sword shall never depart from your house.”

● Vs. 11, “I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun” broad daylight

● Vs. 14, “The son born to you (from this incident) will die.”

D)Truth ‘You can always be forgiven of sin, but you can't un-sin.’

Some of you know this deeply, and perhaps painfully—

A)That just because God forgives someone doesn't mean that the impact of their sin goes away,

B)Especially for his or her family.

C)Forgiveness can be real, and genuine, but consequences and pain remain.

Over the next 8 chapters we are going to see the consequences of David's Sin in two places

A)The Consequences of David's sin as seen on the home front.

B)The Consequences of David's sin as seen on a national stage.

Start with the consequences on the Home front

A)Over the next 8 chapters we are going to see David's family turns into a nightmare—

B)His family becomes a mess – because of his sin – a Horrific cycle emerges – pain and sorrow

C)David's Legacy is tragic and messy – but there is a glimmer of Hope – Ch.13

After this Absalom the son of David had a lovely sister, whose name *was* Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. ² Amnon was so distressed over his sister Tamar that he became sick; for she *was* a virgin. And it was improper for Amnon to do anything to her. ³ But Amnon had a friend whose name *was* Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother. Now Jonadab *was* a very crafty man. ⁴ And he said to him, "Why *are* you, the king's son, becoming thinner day after day? Will you not tell me?"

Amnon said to him, "I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister."

⁵ So Jonadab said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see *it* and eat it from her hand.'"
⁶ Then Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill; and when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let Tamar my sister come and make a couple of cakes for me in my sight, that I may eat from her hand."

⁷ And David sent home to Tamar, saying, "Now go to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him." ⁸ So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was lying down. Then she took flour and kneaded *it*, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes. ⁹ And she took the pan and placed *them* out before him, but he refused to eat. Then Amnon said, "Have everyone go out from me." And they all went out from him. ¹⁰ Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the bedroom, that I may eat from your hand." And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* to Amnon her brother in the bedroom. ¹¹ Now when she had brought *them* to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."

¹² But she answered him, "No, my brother, do not force me, for no such thing should be done in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful thing! ¹³ And I, where could I take my shame? And as for you, you would be like one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you." ¹⁴ However, he would not heed her voice; and being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her.

¹⁵ Then Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her *was* greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Arise, be gone!"

¹⁶ So she said to him, "No, indeed! This evil of sending me away *is* worse than the other that you did to me."

But he would not listen to her. ¹⁷ Then he called his servant who attended him, and said, "Here! Put this *woman* out, away from me, and bolt the door behind her."

2 Samuel 13: David's 1st born son, Amnon, the 'heir to the throne,'

A) Amnon becomes consumed with lust for his half-sister Tamar

B) Remember David had multiple wives, and Tamar was the daughter of one of his other wives,

C) So Amnon and Tamar have the same dad, David, -But different moms, so she's his half-sister).

D) Amnon lures Tamar to his bedroom and tries to seduce her; and when that fails, he rapes her.

E) After the incident is over, the text says, (13:15) Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her *was* greater than the love with which he had loved her

And he said, vs 17, "Put this woman out of my presence and bolt the door after her."

A) Notice that phrase -(THIS woman)

B) Do you remember how David Objectified Bathsheba – no regard for her as a person

C) When David saw Bathsheba bathing he asked, "Who is this woman?"

1) (Same language that Amnon uses here).

And the answer came back was, "This is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam the wife of Uriah..."

A) and I pointed out last week that it's like the author is trying to reinforce to David

B) that this woman was not just a beautiful body;

C) She has a name; she is someone's daughter; Granddaughter to Ahithophel

1) someone's wife,

D) But David didn't think of her that way, as a person, with relationships;

1)He thought of her only as an object so satisfy his sexual lust.

Well, now we see this sin multiplied in the son. Tamar is literally just an object to Amnon.

A)She was like a can of Coke. You drink the Coke and throw away the can.

17 So his servant put her out and bolted the door after her. ¹⁸Now she had on a robe of many colors, for the king's virgin daughters wore such apparel. And his servant put her out and bolted the door behind her.

¹⁹Then Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore her robe of many colors that *was* on her, and laid her hand on her head and went away crying bitterly. ²⁰And Absalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now hold your peace, my sister. He *is* your brother; do not take this thing to heart." So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

²¹But when King David heard of all these things, he was very angry.

B)David was Angry -But that was it. He did nothing.

C)He never reaches out to Tamar. He never confronted Amnon.

D)We don't know why. Maybe he felt morally compromised, and like he couldn't intervene.

Maybe he was just too distracted with Kingly problems.

A)Maybe he was just a disengaged dad. We don't know.

B)But bottom line: you've got a dad who is walking around angry but doing nothing,
1)which is not helping anybody.

C)Beth Moore says we have way too many dads walking around angry but doing nothing.

D)Passivity was the Original sin – Adam was with her

Well, because of David's passivity, Absalom, who was Tamar's full-brother,

A)Stepped in to handle things.

B)He says to Tamar, (vs. 20), "Hold your peace, my sister... do not take this to heart."

C)Which was, colossally bad advice. I mean, how could she not 'take this to heart'?

D)And she should not be quiet.

1)In fact, Absalom should be speaking up for her.

How many sex abuse victims have there been who tried to say something only to be told,

"Hold your peace, sister; do not take this to heart."

A)But, like many victims, she did what he said,

vs. 20,"So Tamar lived, a desolate woman, in her brother Absalom's house."

B)The word "desolate" means "stunned" or "devastated." Tamar was never the same.

C)Her life was shattered.

And then, Absalom starts to plot revenge--but it's a revenge scheme way more about him than her.

A)He hatches this 2 year scheme whereby he lures Amnon away from the palace,

B)Gets him drunk and then murders him.

C)Does that sound familiar – remember – David got Uriah drunk

1)and then ended up having him murdered

D)Once Again, David's sin is being multiplied in the life of his sons.

Well, after the murder, Absalom flees the country for 3 years, and it turns into a national scandal.

A)Now we see the consequences of David's sin on the national front - Takes us into 2 Samuel 14

At the bidding of General Joab a "Wise woman" – Counselor – Plan is Devised get David back on track

A)This Woman tells David a story about having two sons who got into an argument

B)and one of them accidentally killed the other

C)The one who killed his brother fled for his life – and was banished by the community.

1) He was sorry and wanted to come home but they wouldn't let him

D) Now she is getting older and has no sons at home to take care of her in her old age.

Now, David doesn't realize she's telling one of those stories that is really about him

A) like the one Nathan had used... Bathsheba

B) David hears this story and has compassion and says - "My judgment is that this son should be allowed to come back and all should be restored..."

C) The woman then says, "You are the man in this story" - David is like, "Shoot I fell for it again."

D) So, David says: "Let's bring Absalom home." And they do.

1) But David refuses to talk to Absalom, he's still so angry.

So Absalom doesn't even see his Dad's face for 2 more years.

A) That makes 5 years since Absalom has spoken to his dad.

B) Eventually, 14:31, Absalom sets a field on fire trying to get his dad's attention—

C) He literally sets a field on fire, --it's the ultimate "kid acting out to get dad's attention" story.

Well David finally agrees to see him and gives him the official ceremonial kiss,

A) It was only a ceremonial restoration of their relationship—

B) But there's no real reconciliation.

C) And so, Absalom spends the next 4 years systematically trying to overthrow his father's throne.

Absalom's Calculated plan

Absalom was a good looking guy with this beautiful long hair – think Fabio - Chapter 14:25

²⁵ Now in all Israel there was no one who was praised as much as Absalom for his good looks. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. ²⁶ And when he cut the

hair of his head—at the end of every year he cut *it* because it was heavy on him—when he cut it, he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels according to the king's standard

A) So his Good looks won him favor among the People

B) Absalom was also a Charmer – Politically Shrewd

C) Chapter 15 tells us that Absalom would stand in the way of the gate –

D) the gate of cities is where the Judges were – City Hall

He would make himself available to hear people problems

A) His tactic - "Wow, you've got a real issue there. Unfortunately my dad is too busy to give you justice.

B) But if I were judge of Israel, though, I would make sure you got justice. - Winning over the people

C) Chapter 15:6 puts it this way: Absalom stole the hearts of the people of Israel –

⁷ Now it came to pass after forty years that Absalom said to the king, "Please, let me go to Hebron and pay the vow which I made to the LORD. ⁸ For your servant took a vow while I dwelt at Geshur in Syria, saying, 'If the LORD indeed brings me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.' "

C) Remember the people of Hebron were the first to embrace David after King Saul died

⁹ And the king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron.

¹⁰ Then Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, 'Absalom reigns in Hebron!'" ¹¹ And with Absalom went two hundred men invited from Jerusalem, and they went along innocently and did not know anything. ¹² Then Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city—from Giloh—while he offered sacrifices.

D) Ahithophel was David's most trusted adviser but he was also the Grandfather of Bathsheba -

E) Absalom – plays into his bitterness toward David

And the conspiracy grew strong, for the people with Absalom continually increased in number.

¹³ Now a messenger came to David, saying, “The hearts of the men of Israel are with Absalom.”

¹⁴ So David said to all his servants who *were* with him at Jerusalem, “Arise, and let us flee, or we shall not escape from Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly and bring disaster upon us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword.”

And then, as a show of power, Absalom sets up a pavilion on the roof and sleeps with some of David’s wives,

A) Which was intended to be a public humiliation of his dad to let everyone know he had stolen his dad’s kingdom.

B) It was the fulfillment of the prophecy from Nathan years before –

C) What David did with Bathsheba in Private
1) Would be done to David – His wives in broad daylight

D) And the irony is that Absalom is doing all this from the roof of the palace,
1) the place from which David’s original sin began.

SO Absalom has stolen David’s house, his kingdom and his wives.

A) The sins of the father have multiplied in another son.

B) The Chapter ends with David fleeing the city –
³⁰ So David went up by the Ascent of the *Mount of Olives*, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered and went barefoot. And all the people who *were* with him covered their heads and went up, weeping as they went up. ³¹ Then *someone* told David, saying, “Ahithophel *is* among the conspirators with Absalom.” And David said, “O LORD, I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!”

But as we jump to chapter 18 another Civil war is happening

A) David’s men go into Battle against Absalom and his men

B) David pleads with his men to spare Absalom – Joab completely ignores that request

C) Kills Absalom after his hair gets stuck on a hanging - tree then – he is hanging there –

D) V.14 Joab runs him through with 3 spears
1) Leave no doubt

Now at the end of Chapter 18 David is awaiting a word from the messengers about the Battle.

A) All he is concerned about is this: Is Absalom Safe? That is his only questions

B) He is not concerned about how many men have died – but Just is Absalom safe

C) When he hears that Absalom was killed –
33 Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: “O my son Absalom—my son, my son Absalom—if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!”

This is the first time that David actually refers to Absalom as his son

A) David is no doubt dealing with the Guilt he felt for being a lousy father

B) and allowing all of this to happen.

C) Problem David is showing no concern for anyone else

D) Chapter 19 Joab has enough and confronts David

1 And Joab was told, “Behold, the king is weeping and mourning for Absalom.” 2 So the victory that day was turned into mourning for all the people. For the people heard it said that day, “The king is grieved for his son.” 3 And the people stole back into the city that day, as people who are ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. 4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried out with a loud voice, “O my son Absalom! O Absalom, my son, my son!”

5 Then Joab came into the house to the king, and said, “Today you have disgraced all your servants who today have saved your life, the lives of your sons and daughters, the lives of your wives and the lives of your concubines, 6 in that you love your enemies and hate your friends. For you have

declared today that you regard neither princes nor servants; for today I perceive that if Absalom had lived and all of us had died today, then it would have pleased you well. 7 Now therefore, arise, go out and speak comfort to your servants. For I swear by the Lord, if you do not go out, not one will stay with you this night. And that will be worse for you than all the evil that has befallen you from your youth until now.” 8 Then the king arose and sat in the gate. And they told all the people, saying, “There is the king, sitting in the gate.” So all the people came before the king. For everyone of Israel had fled to his tent.

In all of this we see the Sad consequences of David’s sin

A)His sins were multiplied in his sons

B)Consequences on the Home Front

C)Consequences played out on the national stage

Before we go today there are 3 lessons I want us to take away from this story and passage

A)#1 The Sins of the Parents are often multiplied in the Children

B)The Bible talks about the Laws of sowing and reaping
What you sow to is going to result in what you reap

C)Plant Tomato’s get Tomato’s not Grapes

D)What you plant into your relationships – that is what you are going to reap

1)Often times it will play out in the lives of your kids

If you are gossip – Critical person toward others

A)If you drive home from church – Critical about people

B)Your kids will learn to see the body of Christ as people that cannot be trusted.

C)They will not want to be here.

If you are a workaholic – spend all your time – trying to make more money

A)Don’t be surprised if your kids grow up materialistic and not having any time for the Lord and his Kingdom

B)If you Neglect your Kids – Studies show they will most likely

C)But the flipside of this is – If you have your priorities in the right place

Set a Spiritual example for your kids – much better chance of them following that good example

A)They will be lovers of Jesus – active in Church

B)If you are kind to others – show people respect they will do the same.

C)Reap what you sow

#2 There is a King that broke the Cycle. Jesus the Descendant of David!

A)Think about it – the Sins of Adam – His passivity – stood there and watched Eve with the serpent

B)Then when confronted about his sin – He blames – Eve and God

C)Those tendencies have been passed on – infecting all of humanity

D)All of the crime – all of the wars all of the heartache that we see in our world

1)has it’s root in the Original Sin

But Jesus came to break the cycle – he came to pay the price for our sins

A)Remember we saw that David went up to the Mt of Olives Weeping

B)Another King – Jesus also went up to the MT of Olives – and wept

C)Garden there – the Garden of Gethsemane –

1)Olive press -Pressed for us – Wept – sweat drops of blood

D)If there is any other way: Let this cup pass from me -not my will but your will be done

The answer to that prayer was – there was no other way

A)The only way to break the cycle was – Jesus the Sinless King – would die – as the Lamb of God

B)The perfect sinless sacrifice for the sins of the world

C) Here is the Hope – Jesus went to the Cross – paid for our sin – and three days later rose again

D) So that we would no longer have to live in Bondage to sin.

Now it is true – we all still sin – and will until we are free from these bodies – this world

A) But we no longer have to live in bondage to sin.

B) The Bondage of sin that maybe plagued your parents – Alcohol addiction – drugs... porn

1) That doesn't have to be your story.

C) Generational curses fathers children..... to the 3rd and 4th generations are broken in Jesus

D) Now the Bible says Romans 8 – we are more than conquerors through him – Jesus – loves us and gave himself for us.

Because of Jesus Victory – all the Tamar's out there those who have been victims of abuse

A) They can receive healing - By his stripes we are healed

B) Jesus knows what it is like to be betrayed – taken unlawfully – abused

C) He endured that so we would know he understands

King Jesus says to all the victims of betrayal in the room – victims of abuse in the room –

A) You don't have to be defined by the sin that was done against you.

B) In me you can rise above all of that –

C) I can restore what was lost – I can make you new!

D) Stand in his Love – Stand in His Wholeness – Stand in his Victory today.

1) Jesus is the Chain Breaker

But here is what is equally true – and needs to be said today.

A) King Jesus who broke the cycle – can also say to all the David and Amnon's and Absaloms

B) Those guilty of abuse, those guilty of betrayal – those who's sin has caused others great pain

C) If you Confess and Repent – there is forgiveness –

D) If you have confessed that sin – and turned away from it - NO CONDEMNATION

1) For those who are in Christ Jesus

E) So quit listening to the lies of the enemy – that you are not forgiven – 2nd class – you don't belong

In Christ – No Condemnation – only forgiveness

A) No Condemnation – but there are Still Consequences

B) Relationships that haven't been restored – and may never be. – Consequence of sin

C) There are still Scars from those sinful choices

D) The Scars are reminders of that old life – but they are also symbols of God's grace

1) He rescued you – that is not you anymore

Last week – I said that Jesus can bring Beauty from the ashes Isaiah 61:3

A) Ashes mean something was burned down – something was destroyed

B) You can't take that back – you can't undo what was done –

C) But where there was destruction and ashes - Something beautiful can be rebuilt

D) You can focus the rest of your life – through Jesus in doing that

I have often seen in people's lives that what was rebuilt is so amazing – so beautiful

A) It is hard to even imagine – what that person used to be

B) They are truly a new Creation in Christ !

Last thing I would say is this Because Jesus broke the cycle – that means we can break the cycle too.

A) You don't have to be defined by your parents choices and sin

B) You can move forward in Christ – you have to Act

C) Stop using your parents poor choices as an excuse for your problems and poor choices

D) As you follow Jesus – you can break the Cycle

Some of you have Kids that have gone off the rails – not walking with Jesus

A) Your Kids might not listen to you any more – but there are grandkids you can influence

B) Your prayers – your words – Bring them to church with you

C) You can change the Cycle in your grandkids

D) You can have a defining influence on your Grandkids for Jesus

1) And be an instrument to break the cycle in their lives

¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, And broke their chains in pieces. Psalm 107:14

As we close today – Remember – Jesus is the Ultimate Chain breaker!