Life of David, part 2

Lesson 12

Text

2 Samuel 13

Day 1 - Recall, Read, and Listen

1. Look back to the previous lesson or teaching. Write down a few things you learned from last week. This can include any facts or findings, something taught from the teacher, a life application that challenged you, or anything else related to the study.

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2. Read and/or listen to this week's passage twice. **During this week's passage, use the family tree at the end of this study as you read to keep David's messy family straight.** If possible, use different translations. I highly recommend having the passage read to you. Many apps, including the Blue Letter Bible, have a feature that will read the Bible to you. Meditate and pray on the passage.

Day 2 - Unleashing the Text

3. In verse 1, it tells us that Amnon fell in love with his half sister Tamar. According to verses 1-2, what state was Amnon in? What was the reputation of his friend (and cousin) Jonadab? (13:3) What plan did Jonadab propose for Amnon to get what he wanted? (13:4–5)

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4. After feigning illness and getting David to agree to have Tamar cook for him, what proposition did Amnon make to Tamar when they were alone? (13:11) How did Tamar respond to Amnon's advances? (13:12) How did Amnon finally get what he wanted from Tamar? (13:14)

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5. What did Absalom guess had happened to his sister Tamar? How? (13:19-20) What became of Tamar after she was raped by Amnon? (13:20) What was David's reaction when he heard about the incident involving Amnon and Tamar? (13:21). What was missing from David's response towards Amnon?

6. What did Absalom do with his anger toward Amnon? (13:22) What did Absalom ultimately do with Amnon as punishment for raping his sister, Tamar? (13:23-29)

7. After Absalom's punishment of Amnon, what actions did he take? (13:34) Where did Absalom go? (13:37-38) Look at the family tree below, who is Absalom's mother? Where is she from?

Day 3 - Reflecting on the Text

8. A phrase we often hear in support of fornication and the loose morals around it in today's society is, "It's just sex!" What is today's story teaching about the consequences and damaging effects of sex outside the constraints of God's intention for it, which is between a man and a woman within marriage, and with both consenting?

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9. Amon received some really bad advice. Verse 3 even intentionally points out that Jonadab was a very crafty man. What is this passage teaching us about taking advice from people we shouldn't? What is this passage teaching us about the typical outcomes if we do?

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Day 4 - Personal Response

10. How has society influenced your views of sexual sins? Are you compromising your views and drifting away from what God commands? Write down some thoughts on this and challenge yourself to align with God's intentions for sexual relationships.

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11. Is there somebody in your life that you should NOT be taking advice from? Are you listening to their advice or taking action on it? Look up some passages from Scripture that encourage you on who you should be listening to. Write those down below and share any thoughts.

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Day 5 - Cross Reference

12. Read the passage in 1 Kings 1:5-8. What pattern do you see with David in his inaction with both Amnon and Adonijah? Why is it important to stand against sinful behavior even if that behavior is happening with somebody close to us?

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Day 6 - Closing Thoughts and Reflections

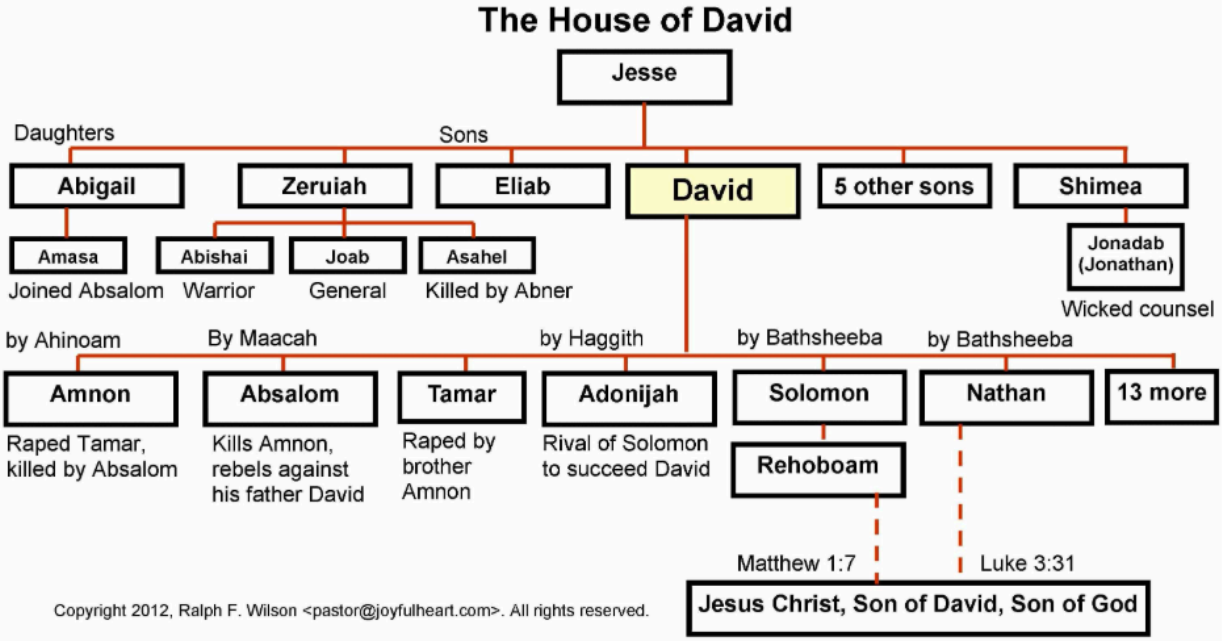
As you've had time to meditate on this week's passage, write down any closing thoughts and/or list ways this passage has challenged you. How are you going to take the application from Day 5 and make it a tangible application for you? What are some additional things that you'd like to share with your group? These are just a few ideas to jot down as you close out this week.

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The House of David
Jesse
Daughters
Sons
Abigail
Zeruiah
Eliab
David
5 other sons
Shimea
Amasa
Abishai
Joab
Asahel
Jonadab (Jonathan)
Joined Absalom
Warrior
General
Killed by Abner
Wicked counsel
by Ahinoam
By Maacah
by Haggith
by Bathsheeba
by Bathsheeba
Amnon
Absalom
Tamar
Adonijah
Solomon
Nathan
13 more
Raped Tamar, killed by Absalom
Kills Amnon, rebels against his father David
Raped by brother Amnon
Rival of Solomon to succeed David
Rehoboam
Matthew 1:7
Luke 3:31
Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of God
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