

David 9 – Family Trouble

1. Recap from last time - Firstly David falls for the temptation of laziness. Then with nothing to do one day he spy's Bathsheba bathing naked on her roof. Now what she was doing there is another matter, knowing full well that the King could see her and her husband was away at war. Then David falls for her. They commit adultery, and surprise surprise she becomes pregnant. Then the panic stinks in – everyone will know that David the King is guilty so get the husband back from the war and he can be the father. But this does not quite work out as planned.
2. David's next panic reaction is that he will have to get Uriah (Bathsheba's husband) killed so he can then marry her. Which is what he does all be it at arms length, by getting him killed during one of the skirmishes that is part of the war that is going on at this time.
3. Phew – David thinks he has got away with it as he quickly marries Bathsheba, and it is now fine that she is pregnant as she is the queen. But God sends the prophet Nathan to confront David of his crimes. Amazingly David recognises what Nathan says and accepts it, not trying to cover it up and asks God for forgiveness.
4. So we continue our story with the consequences of what happened. Firstly we need to look at Galatians 6 v7-8 as a reminder from Paul. The main themes of the passages are the relationship between sin and forgiveness and punishment and consequences
5. 2 Samuel 12
 1. 15-17 – Q Did David really think he could change Gods mind and save his son by fasting like this
 2. 18-20
 3. 21-23 Q When does David say he will see his son again?
 4. 24-25 Q What do we think about this – God has forgiven David but he will still have to face the consequences
 5. 26-31 These passages refer to the siege of Rabbah, referred to in 2 Sam 11 v1 – where David stayed at home
 1. Q So who is now in charge of the Army?
6. Things go down hill for David's family from here - 2 Samuel 13
 1. 1-5
 2. 6-11

3. 12-15
4. 16-22 – David is furious, but it does not say he did anything about it. The impression given is that it was tried to be hushed up and then hopefully forgotten
5. 23-29
6. 30-33
7. 34-38 Q So was Absalom right in Killing Amnon?
7. 2 Samuel 14 – This is the story of Absalom's reconciliation back to David and the rest of the family.
 1. 1-4
 2. 5-7
 3. 8-11
 4. 12-16
 5. 17-20 - So the penny drops and David realises that Joab is behind this
 6. 21-26
 7. 27-30 Q How long was Absalom living back in Jerusalem before seeing the King
 8. 31-33 – The fact that it is recorded that the King (David) kissed Absalom, but Absalom did not kiss him back is important in the next part of the story.
8. Q So do we think God was allowing all these problems for David as a punishment for David's sinful adultery – No God forgave David 2 Samuel v13, but there is a distinction between punishment and consequence. Absalom was only copying the behaviour he had seen going on. He was putting his self interest first and not dealing with the consequences
9. Q What do we do when we know of a situation that someone else is in which is wrong. Do we ignore it hoping it will go away or do we try and get them to confront it and then hopefully help point them in the right direction?
10. Lets look at Romans 6 to see what Paul says about this,
 1. 1-4 Q- We died to sin – what does it mean? When we became accept God as our saviour he becomes are ruler not sin. Like a coin can either be heads up or tails up – One or the other not both.
 2. 5-10 – Here Paul reminds us that Jesus on dying on the cross took the punishment we should have suffered. As Jesus conquered death and rose again we now live that shares Jesus' resurrection life
 3. 11-14 Q What is Paul reminding us that we should do – Live our lives in a way that is positive and showing what we believe.
 4. 15-18

5. 19-23 Here Paul is emphasising that we are dealing with two mutually exclusive life styles. The first is separated from God resulting in death a life of sin. The second is living with God's presence in our lives – obedience to God.