

Generational Consequences for Sin

2 Samuel 13-15

1. Because of David's sin, God delivers a three-fold judgment to David

- a. The sword would never depart from your house
- b. He would receive public shame for his private sin
- c. The unnamed child of his sin would die

2. One of David's consequences was 4-fold restitution

- a. The unnamed son
- b. Amnon
- c. Absalom
- d. Adonijah

3. Both wisdom and sin have children

- a. Amon possessed some flaws of his father
- b. Absalom possessed some flaws of his father

4. Though sin may have generational consequences, God's word conveys personal responsibility

For Further Study and Reflection

- *Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes* by E. Randolph Richards and Brandon J. O'Brien
- *How to Read the Bible Book by Book* by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart
- *Suffering and the Heart of God* by Diane Langberg
- *Attacking Faulty Reasoning* by T. Edward Damer

Small Group Questions:

1. Can you think of ways that you are (unintentionally) like your father or mother? Share.
2. Does it seem just to you that God would punish us in ways that would affect others? Why or why not? Is there another way?
3. In what ways are Amnon and Absalom like their father? Do you think this is learned behavior or punishment directly sent by God? Why?
4. Read Exodus 25:5 and Exodus 34:5-7. Do these passages contradict each other? How do we let scripture interpret scripture here? What is the final message when reconciling the two?
5. Jesus taught that "Wisdom is proved right in her children" Luke 7:35. What did he mean by this? Are we to conclude then that problems in our kids life are certainly attributed to us? Why or why not?