



SERMON NOTES

November 15, 2020

2 Samuel 13

God-Less: The Next Generation

Why do I need to hear this passage of Scripture?

What's the big idea of this passage?

What are the main takeaways walking through this passage?

What must I do with what I've heard?

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is to make fervent and obedient disciples for Jesus Christ.*

LIVING OUT THE WORD

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CULTURE: Being part of a church or of a religious family *alone* will not spare us from sin—even awful sins!! What a crushing series of events for David, whose sin against God by Uriah and Bathsheba foreshadowed these wicked tragedies among his children! How are we urging our children to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives today?

AIM: Amnon is driven by his lust (1-5), then by his hatred (15-17)! Absalom is driven by revenge (20-22). But what's driving you? Are you zealous for the Lord, zealous for good works, zealous for the glory of God? If only our driving energy for God's glory would be at least as strong as Amnon's and Absalom's for their sin! What drives you forward?

COMMUNICATE: When we fail to communicate God's good news and truth to those around us, others will speak and guide them into sin in our place. Consider Jonadab, "a very crafty man" (3)—like the crafty serpent who spoke to Eve in the Garden of Eden! To whom are you speaking truth, pointing to life, and even warning from death?

CULTIVATE: Amnon carries out an elaborate plan to satisfy his lust (6-14); Absalom, after two years of plotting, gets a taste of revenge (23-29). What plans is *your* heart making? How will you be intentional, not to indulge in sin, but to train for godliness and for joy in knowing God's will? What will you study, dwell on, and prepare for in 2021?

CELEBRATE: The absence of God is the absence of celebration. As David's children live without reference to God (He is not mentioned once in this chapter), they rush into the death that sin brings. The time of feasting (23, 28-29) is ruined by deception and vengeance. But how often has God been in your heart and on your lips this week?

CARE: Care looks like mourning with those who mourn (and rejoicing with those who rejoice!). David mourns for his sons along with his servants by rising from his throne, tearing his garments, and laying on the earth (31). He weeps bitterly along with his sons and servants (36). Will you grieve along with someone else in their suffering?