

1-2 SAMUEL: DAVID AS KING

Consequences **2 Samuel 13-14**

1. When you were a child what form of punishment/discipline/consequences (choose your own word) did your parents use? Did it come from mom or dad?
2. How does this passage help you understand God, especially when you realize that He does a lot of uncomfortable things in this world that must be done because of sin?
3. Are you bothered by the effects of sin? Why or why not?
4. How does this passage reveal David's failure as king? As a father? How does his passivity in his family affect his entire nation?
5. How would you have responded to Amnon's violation of Tamar as king? As a father?
6. Is Absalom's action understandable, even if not justified? Why or why not?
7. Do you believe that Jesus gives honor and healing to those who suffer injustice like Tamar? Spend some time praying for victims of abuse and give thanks that Jesus can restore honor and beauty.
8. Is the dangerous trait of apathy creeping into your life? Take some time to repent of this and pray for one another.
9. Read Philippians 3.12-14, Galatians 2.20, and 2 Corinthians 5.16-21. Which one of these passages encourages you most in view of this story?