



A Passive Heart

Week of June 11- June 16

This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your life group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own before your group meets. The purpose of this guide is to help facilitate discussion and to help your group, collectively and individually, grow closer to Jesus.

SERIES RECAP

King David is often described as “a man after God’s own heart.” In this sermon series, we will look at the “heart” of King David and what we can learn from his life.

SERMON SUMMARY

David’s sin wreaks havoc on his family. David made choices as a parent that made matters worse. In this sermon, we’ll learn good and bad parenting skills.

MAIN TEXT

2 Samuel 13-1; Ephesians 6:4.

GETTING STARTED

As a child, when you misbehaved, what kind of actions did your parents take? Did they work?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Ephesians 6:4.
2. What is the definition of “exasperate”?
3. Did you feel exasperation as a child? What about as an adult?
4. Read 2 Samuel 13:5-7.
5. How does Amnon involve his dad in his plan?
6. Read 2 Samuel 13:13.
7. Tamar offers a solution that wouldn’t be a sin to Amnon. What is it? What does he do?
8. Read 2 Samuel 13:21.
9. What is David’s reaction to this knowledge? What does he do?
10. As a parent, did you ever discover wrongdoing on the part of your child and not correct it? Why?
11. How do you feel about confrontation?
12. David chooses a path of “least resistance.” How does it make everything worse?

13. In the sermon, we learned of appropriate actions we can take in our relationships. What are some of them?
14. What happens to relationships when problems aren’t addressed?
15. What kind of “snowball effect” occurred in this story? Can you relate to a “snowball effect” in your own life?
16. Why do you think David was unable to change his parenting style?
17. What is God asking you to do?

NEXT STEPS

Broken relationships are hard to mend. What kind of actions can you take to prevent them?

DISCIPLESHIP STORY

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2 Samuel 13-18

David and his Children

1. As you read this story, what were your thoughts about David as a parent?
2. His children in the story are Amnon, Tamar, and Absalom. What kind of relationship did they have?
3. How does David’s inattentiveness hurt his family?
4. At this point in your life, what character in this story are you? Why?
5. What current relationship do you have that needs more attention? Why?
6. What did you learn about man?
7. What did you learn about God?
8. What is God asking you to do?