



DARK HORSES

Absalom

2 Samuel 13, 14, 15, & 18

People of Interest

- **King David**
- **Amnon**
 - **first born son of David**
 - **Ahinoam was his mother**
- **Absalom**
 - **third born son of David**
 - **Maacah was his mother (daughter of king of Geshur)**

People of Interest

- **Tamar**

- **daughter of David**

- **Maacah was her mother and Absalom was her brother**

- **raped by her 1/2 brother Amnon**

- **Joab**

- **nephew of David**

- **commander of David's army**

- **After David's sins of adultery and murder God pronounces judgment on him through the prophet Nathan**
- **2 Samuel 12:11,12 "This is what the Lord says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"**

Absalom

- **Absalom is famous for his good looks**
- **His father is king of Israel and his mother is a princess of Geshur**
- **After his sister is raped by his 1/2 brother he plots Amnon's murder.**
- **David made no judgment on Amnon's actions**

David's Failure

- **David loved his children deeply and passionately**
- **His fault came in discipline**
 - **He did not discipline Amnon**
 - **He was too harsh with Absalom**
- **As parents we must walk the line of grace and discipline**
 - **forgiveness is always necessary**

Absalom's Issues

- **Pride and Vanity**
- **Anger and Bitterness**
- **Rebellion**
- **Years went by without him dealing with his issues**

Action Points

- **A big head may be your downfall**
- **Discipline is a mandatory part of parenting**
 - **even when the issues hit very close to home**
- **Harboring bitterness will devour you**
- **Forgiveness frees you**