

# The Book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel

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# A Bible Study Through the Book of 2nd Samuel

Forgiveness vs. payment for  
sin-the theme of this chapter-  
Galatians 6:7-8 [✱]

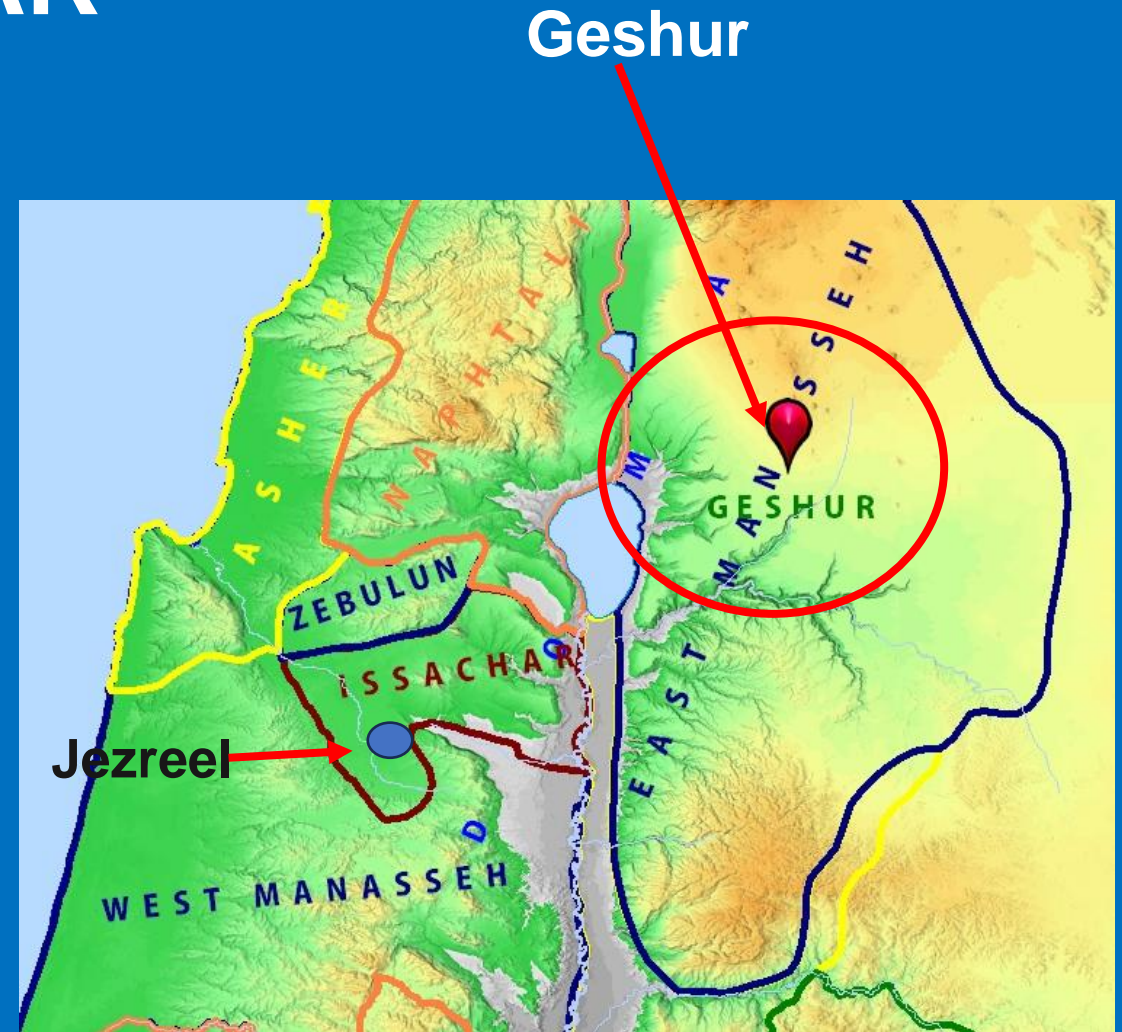
LESSON 5: REBELLION WITHIN  
DAVID'S HOUSEHOLD  
2<sup>ND</sup> SAMUEL CHAPTERS 13-14



# CHAPTER 13: AMNON'S INCEST WITH TAMAR

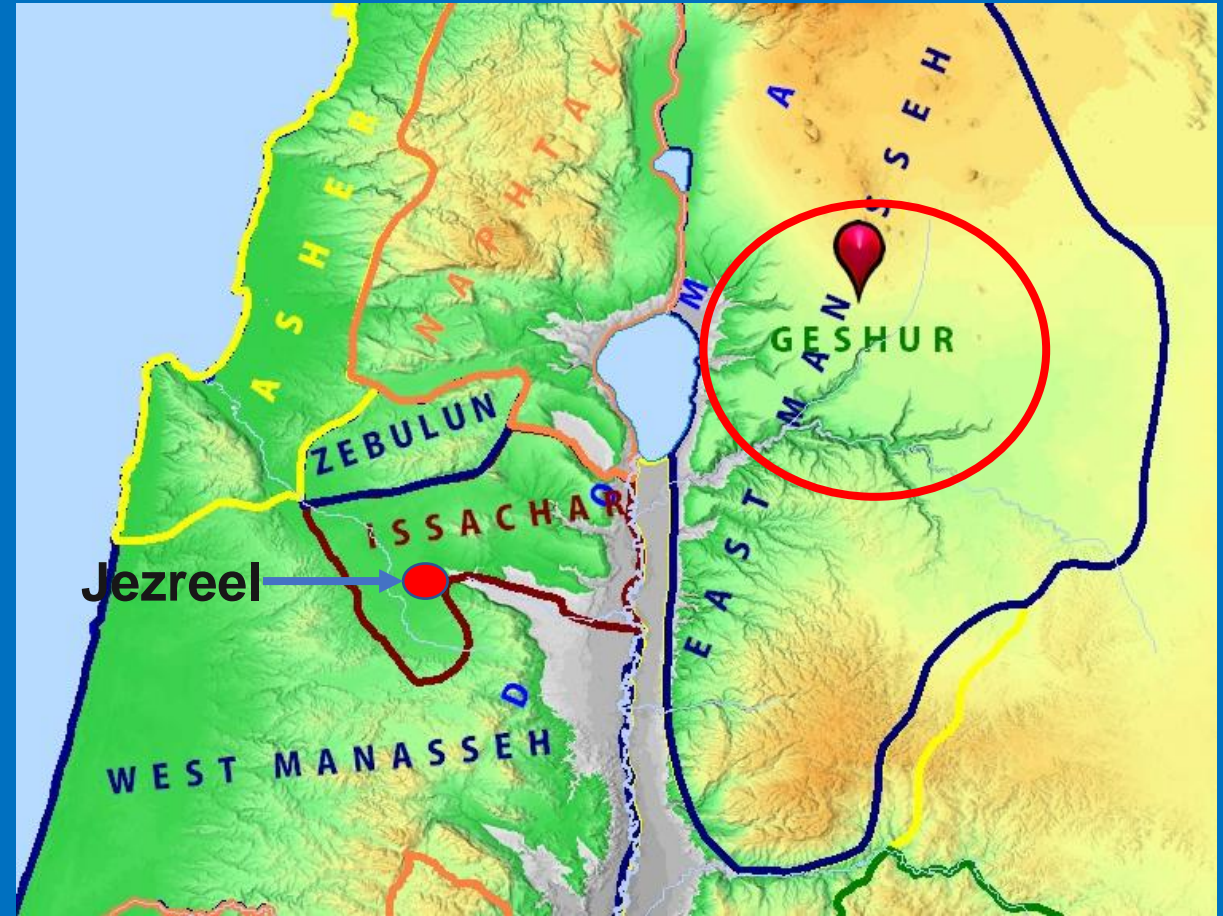
## Vs. 1-20: Amnon Defiles Tamar

- One of David's sons, Absalom, had a beautiful sister named Tamar. David fathered Tamar and Absalom by Maacah [ma'kaw], the daughter of Talmi [tall'mi], King of Geshur
- David fathered Amnon by Ahinoam (Jezreel)
- (Deuteronomy 17:17). [ ]



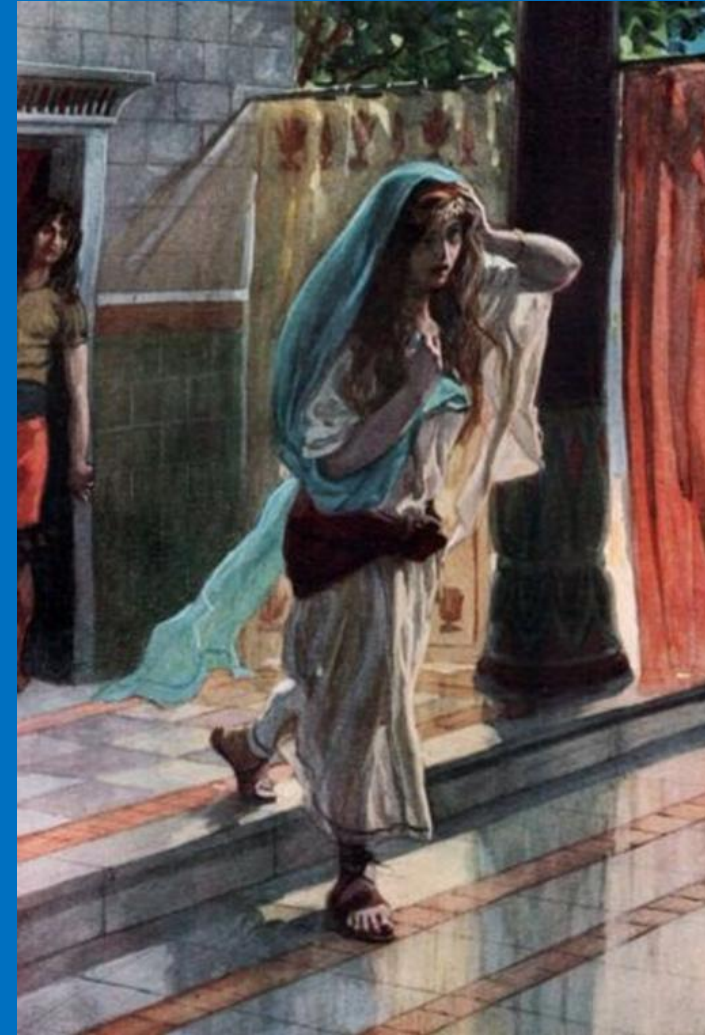
- Amnon, Tamar's half-brother, lusted after Tamar to the degree that he made himself ill.
- Amnon had a major problem Leviticus 18:11 [ ]
- Amnon was David's firstborn.
- Stages of sin:

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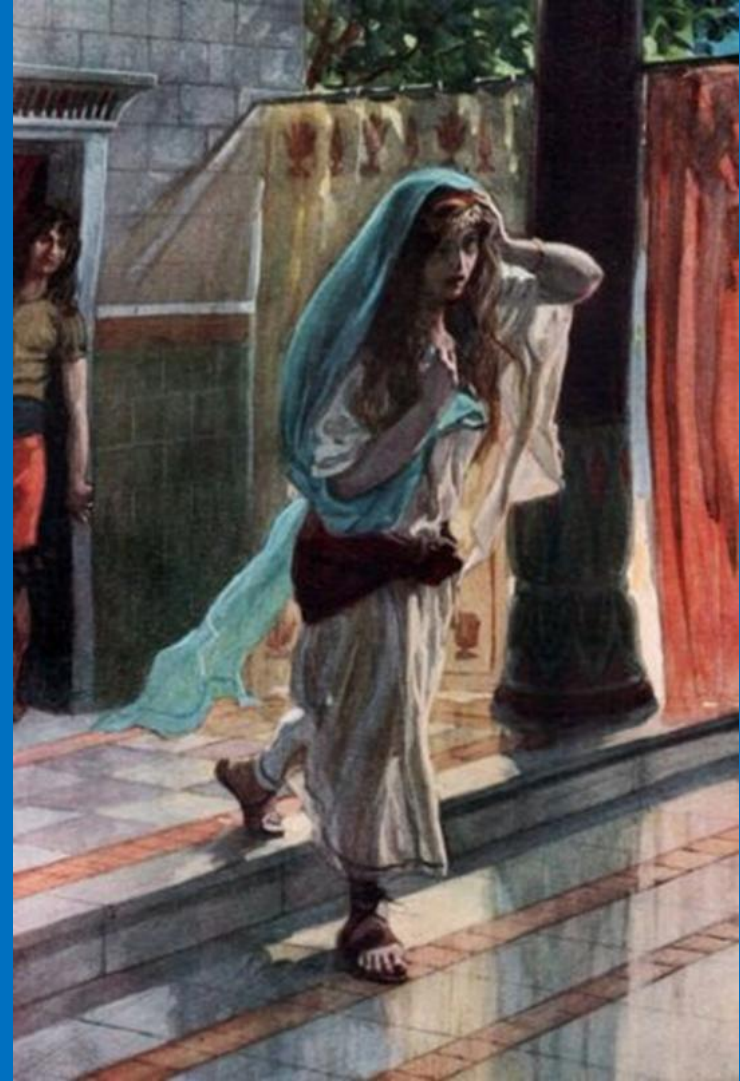


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- **Jonadab**, son of Shimeah, David's 3<sup>rd</sup> brother (of 8 including David) and Amnon's cousin, devised an evil plan for Amnon to get Tamar. (1 Samuel 16:6-7) [ ]
- He suggested when David came to see Amnon, Amnon should say he wanted Tamar to prepare him a meal in his presence.
- After Tamar prepared the meal, Amnon ordered everyone out and insisted that Tamar feed him in his bedroom.

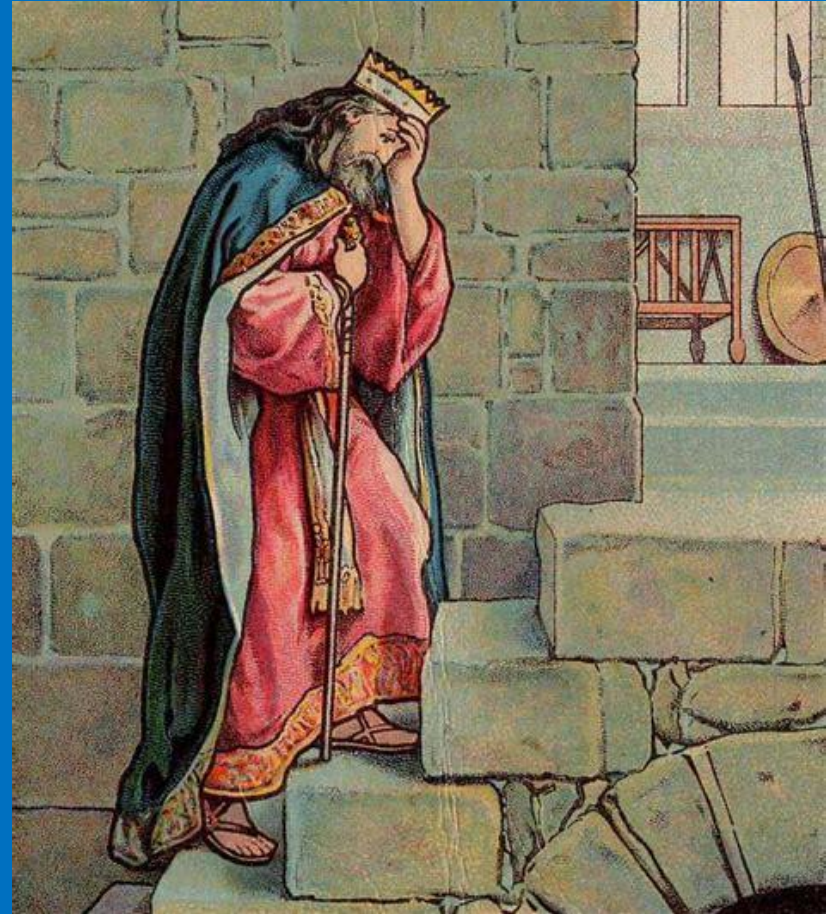


- As Tamar came to feed Amnon, he violated her after which his passion turned to hatred. He had Tamar thrown out of his presence. (1 John 5:16) [ ] crossing boundaries of no return
- When Absalom, Tamar's brother, heard of this, he took Tamar to his home where she remained unmarried and childless.



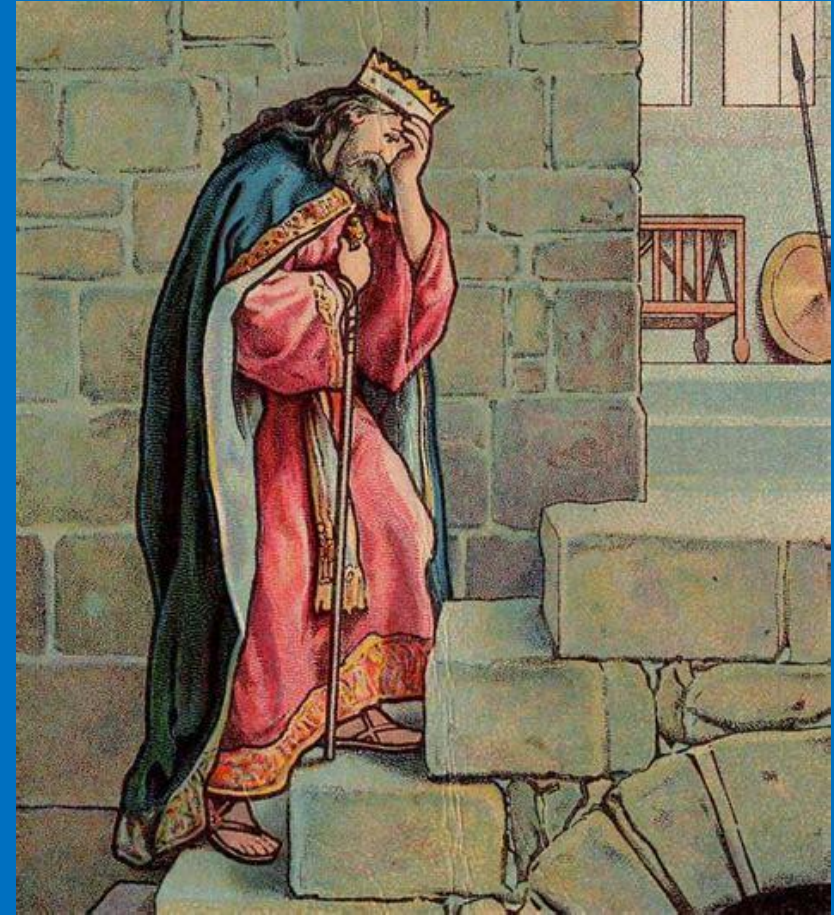
## Vs. 21-39-Absalom Kills Amnon

- After David heard of the incident with Amnon, he grew very angry.
- Apparently, David did not punish Amnon nor banish him from Israel (Leviticus 20:17). [ ]





- As David's first born, he may not have wanted to execute punishment on Amnon.
- Absalom, on the other hand, hated Amnon and refused to speak either good or bad to him.
- The dangers of letting sin fester. (Ephesians 4:26-27; Hebrews 12:15) [ ]
- There were plenty of red flags going up (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:13) [ ]

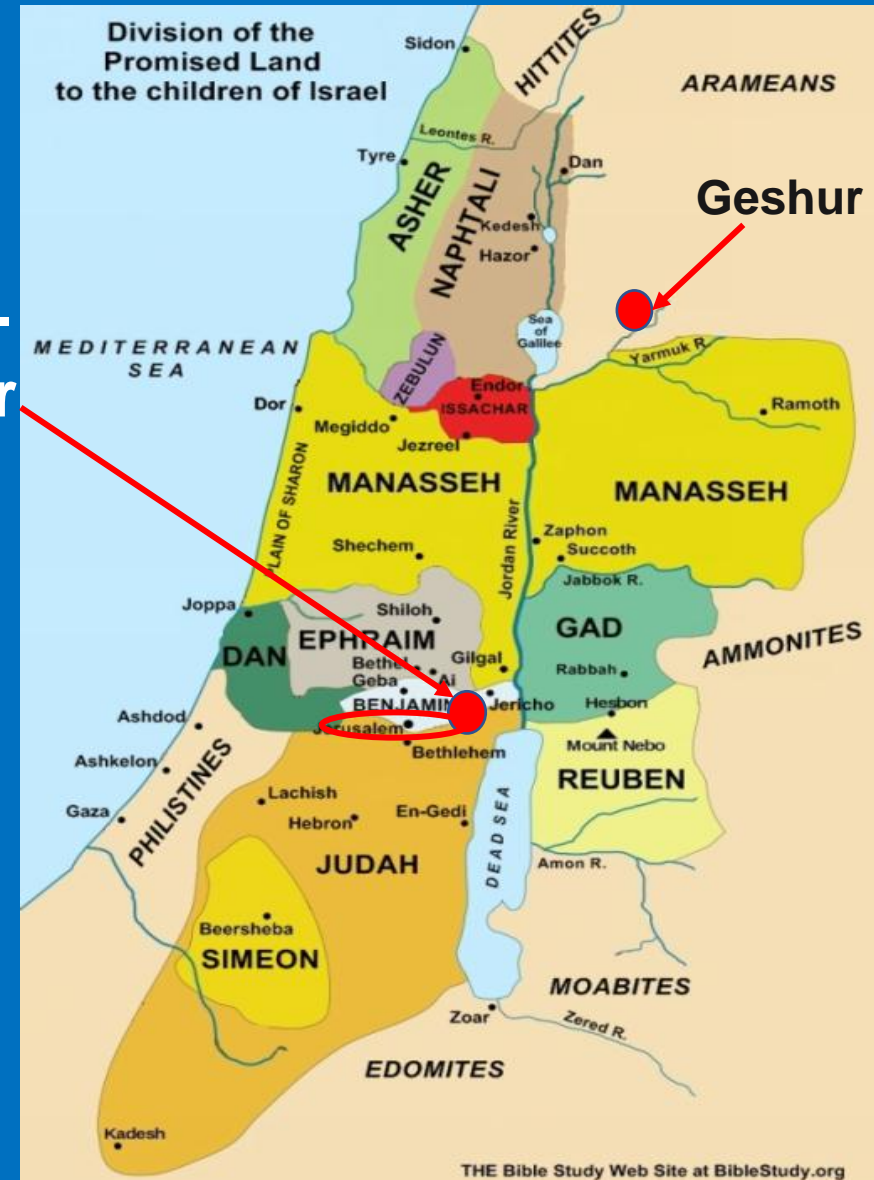


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- After two years, Absalom devised a plan to kill Amnon. Absalom planned a large banquet at Baal-hazor and invited his brothers (half-brothers), King David, and servants. (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 13:23-27) [ ]

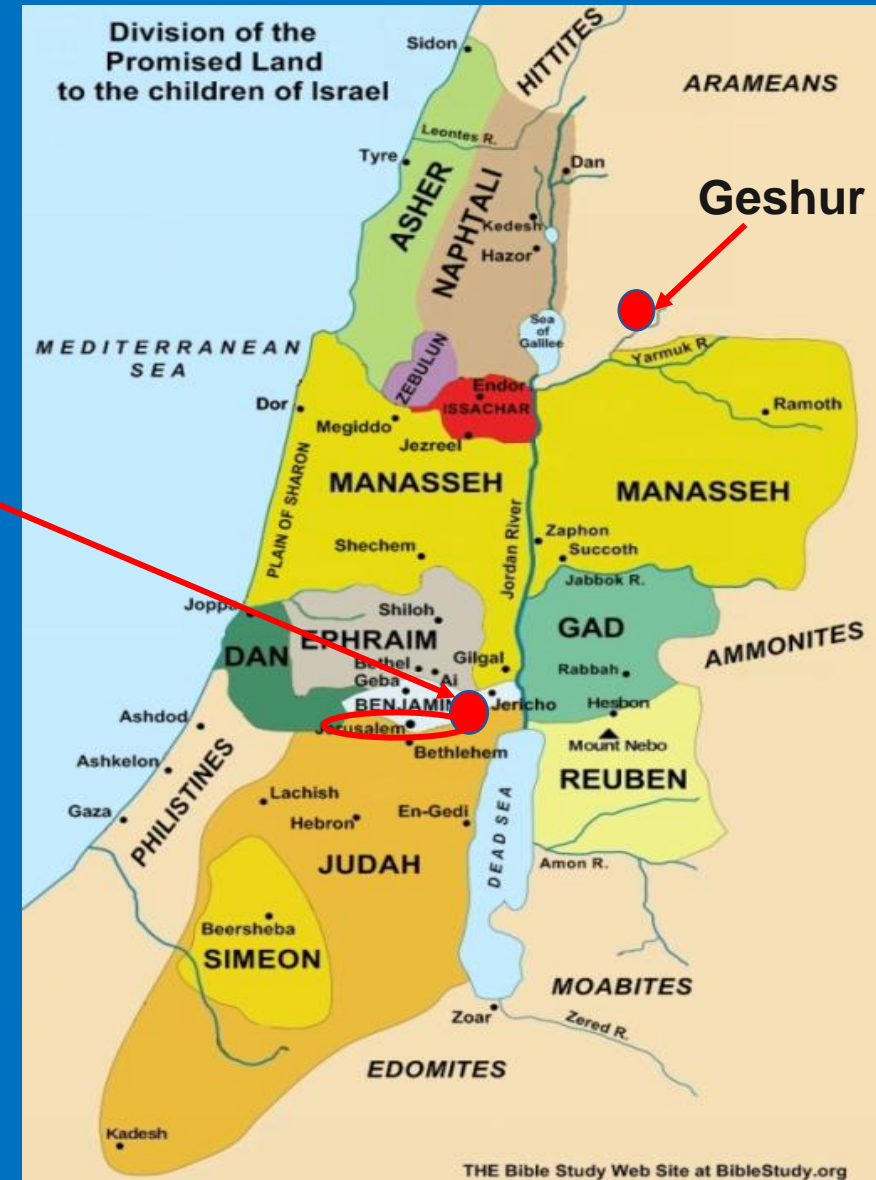
- David had 19 sons and one daughter Tamar. David could have had 21 children counting the one who died.
- Number of children through concubines-unknown.

Baal-hazor



- King David refused to go saying it would burden Absalom too much.
- Absalom asked if Amnon could go in David's place. David granted the request.
- Absalom might not have known David had chosen Solomon as the next king (2 Samuel 12:24-25). [ ]

Baal-hazor



- During the banquet Absalom had his servants kill Amnon. All David's sons mounted their mules and fled. A miscommunication came to David stating all his sons had died. David tore his clothes (a sign of mourning) and laid on the ground.



- Jonadab, David's nephew, corrected the story and told David that only Amnon had died. Perhaps, the misrepresentatives used the false report to soften the announcement about Amnon.



- After the murder, Absalom fled to Talmi, king of Geshur (east of the Sea of Galilee), Tamar's and Absalom's grandfather.
- Absalom lived in Geshur for three years. Absalom could not go to a city of refuge because of his premeditated murder (Numbers 35:10-12). [ ]



## Cities of Refuge

- During this time, David accepted the death of Amnon. However, he did not try to bring Absalom back even though he grieved for Absalom.



# CHAPTER 14: ABSALOM RETURNS TO JERUSALEM

**Vs. 1-24: Joab Convinces David to Bring Absalom back to Jerusalem**

- **Joab**, the commander of the army and David's nephew (son of David's sister-Zeruiah), devised a plan to bring Absalom to Jerusalem.





- David, torn between executing his family duty as a father toward Absalom and his royal duty as king, should have charged Absalom with murder.



- Joab sent for a wise woman from Tekoa, a village about 10 miles south of Jerusalem. Joab sent the woman to David dressed as a mourner.
- The woman disguised herself as a widow with two sons. She said her sons had engaged in a fight while alone in the field. As a result of the fight, the one son killed the other.



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- The woman's family wanted the son killed due to his murder. The woman pleaded for the safety of her son since she would have no posterity.



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- David, apparently not wanting the blame for defending a **guilty** son, rebuffed the woman and told her to go home.
- The woman insisted she would bear the blame for defending the guilty son.
- David promised the woman's son protection for the sake of her lineage.



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- The woman asked to speak frankly. When granted permission, the woman accused David of doing the same thing by **isolating** Absalom and leaving Israel without an heir.
- In devising this ploy, Joab might not have known David had planned for Solomon to inherit the throne. (Proverbs 16:9) [ ]



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- The woman told David that God does not take away life but plans a way for God not to cast a banished one from His presence (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 14:14). [ ]
- This perfect analogy represented God's plan for humanity by Christ's eventual death on the cross.



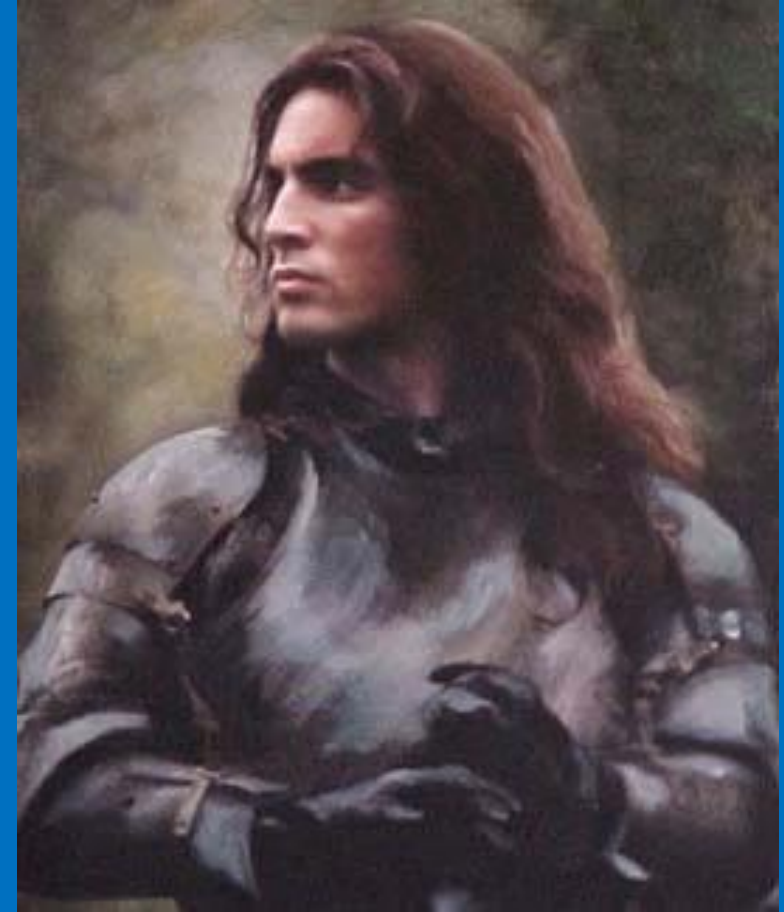
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- David discerned, and the woman admitted Joab had fabricated this plot.
- David brought Absalom back but refused to see him. (Hebrews 12:15) [ ]



## Vs. 25-33: Absalom Seeks David's Presence

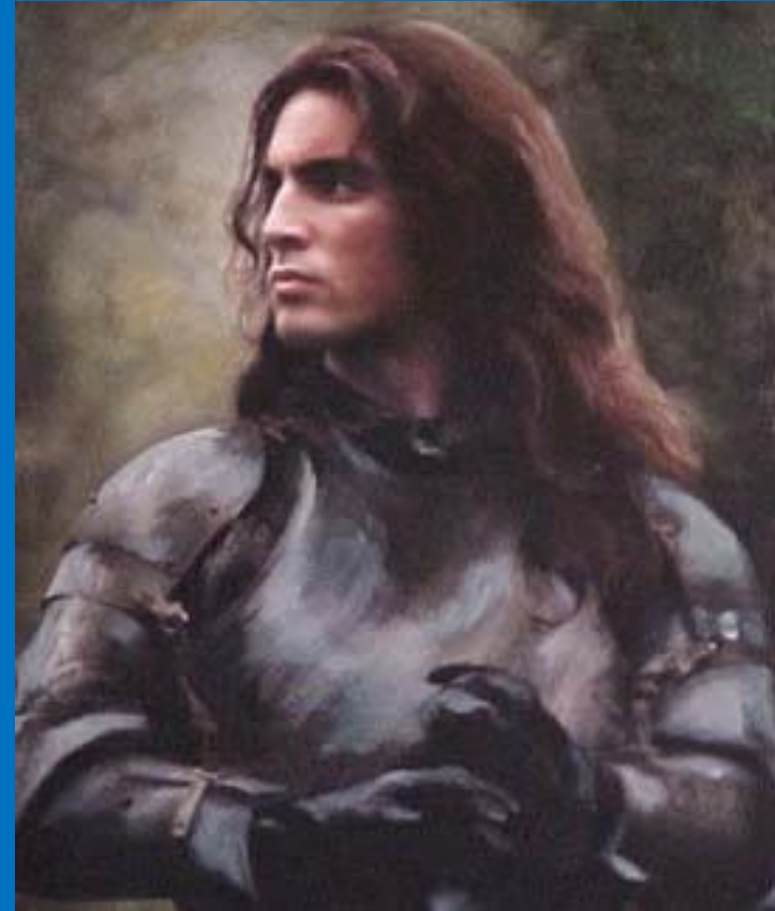
- Absalom appeared as the most handsome man in all Israel.
- Absalom would cut his hair once a year. His hair weighed 3.5-4 pounds.



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- Absalom lived two years in Jerusalem without seeing David. David might have refused to see Absalom hoping he would seek repentance.



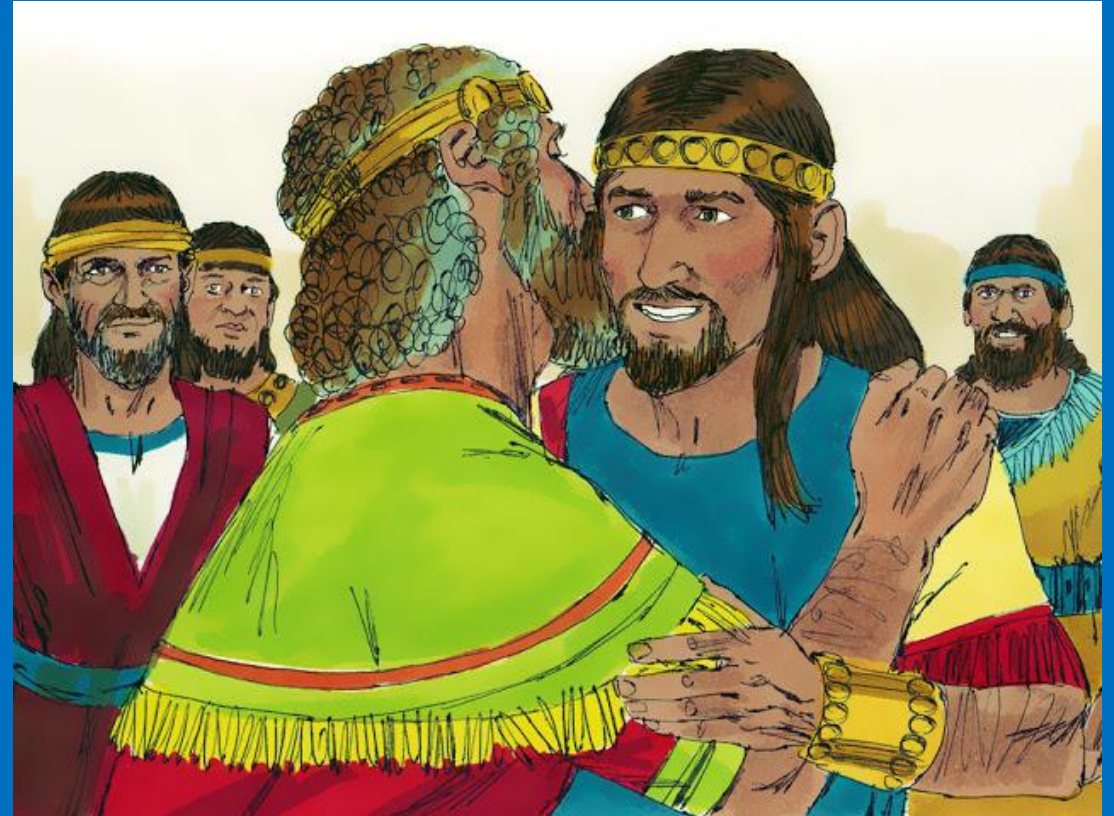
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- It does not appear Absalom ever repented. Absalom asked Joab twice to come and help him gain access to the king.
- When Joab refused to come, Absalom had Joab's field set on fire.
- This grave injustice endangered the livelihood of Joab, his family, and his workers.



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- The fire, however, resulted in Joab meeting with Absalom.
- It appears Absalom remained unrepentant in that he proposed an ultimatum for David rather than an apology.
- The ultimatum required Absalom to see the king and executed if found guilty of murder.



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- Absalom must have felt confident David would not follow through with a death sentence.
- Joab relayed the message and David sent for Absalom. Absalom prostrated himself before David and David kissed him.

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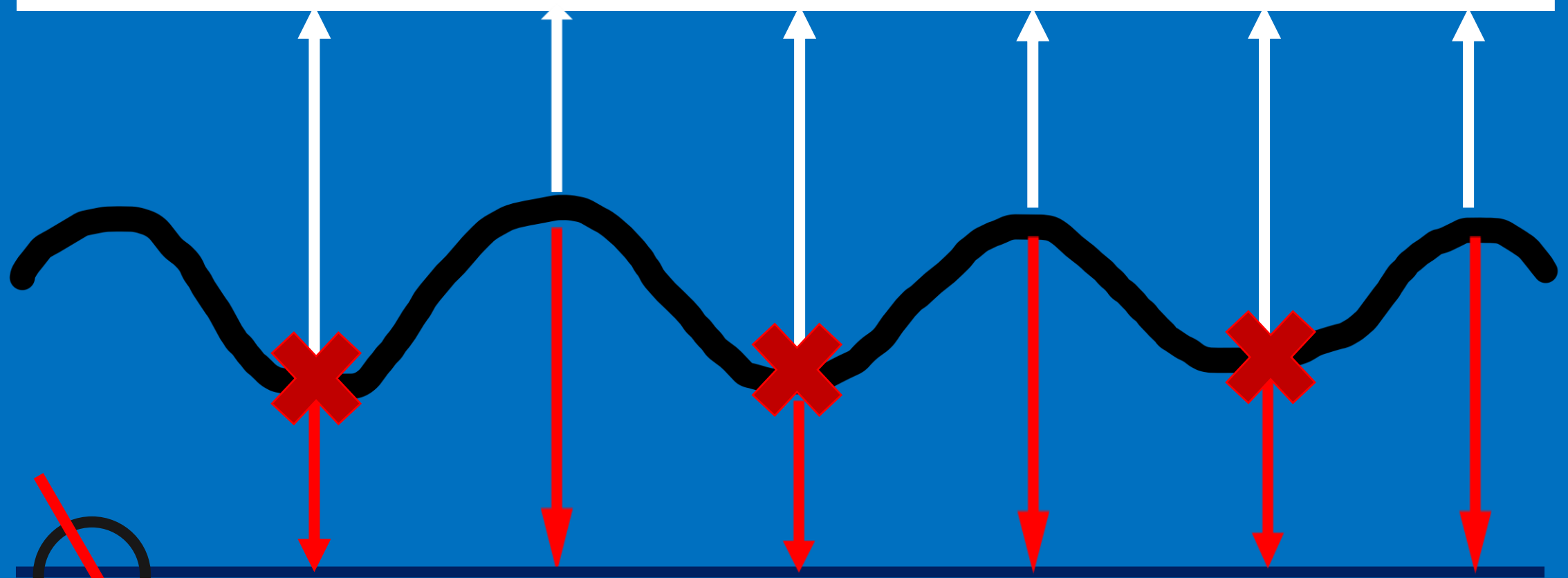


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Psalm 51:10-11 [ ]

Philippians 4:11 [ ]

Spiritual Realm



Void of God's Holy Spirit





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# SUMMARY

- Ephesians 4:31 states, “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.” Such an attitude can literally ruin a person’s soul. Anger and bitterness have the potential of gradually eating away a person’s joy, love, or peace. Forgiveness, the only answer to anger and bitterness, allows one the ability to let go of a situation and hand it over to God.

Over---

- Do not plan or wish harm and evil against anyone. Forgiveness does not erase the injustice done, but it relieves one's soul from the poison of bitterness. Forgiveness does not mean you don't care anymore; it means you have stopped planning revenge or retribution and have turned the situation over to God.

End---

## Leviticus 20:17

17 “If a man marries his sister, the daughter of either his father or his mother, and they have sexual relations, it is a shameful disgrace. They must be publicly cut off from the community. Since the man has violated his sister, he will be punished for his sin.” NLT [ ]

## Deuteronomy 17:17

17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself. [ ]

## Numbers 35:10-12

10 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 11 then you shall select for yourselves cities to be your cities of refuge, that the manslayer who has killed any person unintentionally may flee there. 12 The cities shall be to you as a refuge from the avenger, so that the manslayer will not die until he stands before the congregation for trial. [ ]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:24-25

24 Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her; and she gave birth to a son, and he named him Solomon. Now the LORD loved him 25 and sent *word* through Nathan the prophet, and he named him Jedidiah (beloved of the Lord) for the LORD'S sake. (This marked Solomon as successor to the throne). [ ]

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 14:14

14 For we will surely die and are like water spilled on the ground which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not take away life, but plans ways so that the banished one will not be cast out from him. [ ]

## Galatians 6:7-8

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a person sows, this he will also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. [ ]



## 1 John 5:16

16 If anyone sees his brother or sister committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will, for him, give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death; I am not saying that he should ask about that. [ ]

## Ephesians 4:26-27

26 Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not give the devil an opportunity.

## Hebrews 12:15

15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many become defiled... [ ]

Proverbs 16:9

9 The mind of a person plans his way,  
But the Lord directs his steps. [ ]

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:13

3 No temptation has overtaken you except something common to mankind; and God is faithful, so He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

### Red Flags:

- Ammon asks David for Tamar to Prepare a meal for Absalom
- Amnon pretends to be sick
- Prepare meal in bedroom
- Sends everyone out of the room [ ]

## 1 Samuel 16:6-7

6 When they entered, he looked at Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is standing before Him.” 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God does not see as man sees, since man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass before Samuel. But he said, “The Lord has not chosen this one, either.” 9 Next Jesse had Shammah pass by. And he said, “The Lord has not chosen this one, either.”

[ ]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 13:23-27

23 Now it came about after two full years that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which is near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons to celebrate. 24 And Absalom came to the king and said, "Behold now, your servant has sheepshearers; may the king and his servants please go with your servant."

Over---

25 But the king said to Absalom, “No, my son, we should not all go, so that we will not be a burden to you.” Though he urged him, he would not go; but he blessed him. 26 Then Absalom said, “If not, please have my brother Amnon go with us.” But the king said to him, “Why should he go with you?” 27 Nevertheless Absalom urged him, so he let Amnon and all the king’s sons go with him. [ ]



## Psalm 51:10

10 Create in me a clean heart, God,  
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me away from Your presence,  
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## Leviticus 18:11

11 “Do not have sexual relations with your stepsister, the daughter of any of your father’s wives, for she is your sister. [ ]

## Philippians 4:11

11 Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. [ ]

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