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2 Samuel 13



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But Amnon had a very crafty friend—his cousin Jonadab. He was the son of David's brother Shimea.



## 2 Samuel 13:4

One day Jonadab said to Amnon,  
“What’s the trouble? Why  
should the son of a king look  
so dejected morning after  
morning?” So Amnon told him,  
“I am in love with Tamar,  
my brother Absalom’s sister.”



## **2 Samuel 13:5a**

**“Well,” Jonadab said, “I’ll tell you what to do. Go back to bed and pretend you are ill. When your father comes to see you, ask him to let Tamar come and prepare some food for you.**



## 2 Samuel 13:5b

Tell him you'll feel better if she prepares it as you watch and feeds you with her own hands."



## **2 Samuel 13:6**

**So Amnon lay down and pretended to be sick. And when the king came to see him, Amnon asked him, “Please let my sister Tamar come and cook my favorite dish as I watch. Then I can eat it from her own hands.”**



## **2 Samuel 13:7**

**So David agreed and sent Tamar  
to Amnon's house to prepare  
some food for him.**



## **2 Samuel 13:8**

**When Tamar arrived at Amnon's house, she went to the place where he was lying down so he could watch her mix some dough. Then she baked his favorite dish for him.**



## 2 Samuel 13:9

But when she set the serving tray  
before him, he refused to eat.

“Everyone get out of here,”

Amnon told his servants.

So they all left.



## 2 Samuel 13:10

Then he said to Tamar,  
“Now bring the food into my  
bedroom and feed it to me  
here.” So Tamar took his  
favorite dish to him.



# 2 Samuel 13:11

But as she was feeding him,  
he grabbed her and demanded,  
“Come to bed with me,  
my darling sister.”



## 2 Samuel 13:12

“No, my brother!” she cried.  
“Don’t be foolish! Don’t do this  
to me! Such wicked things  
aren’t done in Israel.”



## 2 Samuel 13:13

Where could I go in my shame?  
And you would be called one  
of the greatest fools in Israel.  
Please, just speak to the king  
about it, and he will let you  
marry me.”



## **2 Samuel 13:14**

**But Amnon wouldn't listen to her, and since he was stronger than she was, he raped her.**



## 2 Samuel 13:15

Then suddenly Amnon's love turned to hate, and he hated her even more than he had loved her. "Get out of here!" he snarled at her.



## 2 Samuel 13:16

“No, no!” Tamar cried.

“Sending me away now is worse than what you’ve already done to me.” But Amnon wouldn’t listen to her.



## **2 Samuel 13:17**

**He shouted for his servant and demanded, “Throw this woman out, and lock the door behind her!”**



## **2 Samuel 13:18**

**So the servant put her out and  
locked the door behind her.**

**She was wearing a long,  
beautiful robe, as was the  
custom in those days for the  
king's virgin daughters.**



## 2 Samuel 13:19

But now Tamar tore her robe  
and put ashes on her head.  
And then, with her face in her  
hands, she went away crying.



## 2 Samuel 13:20a

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**God's Peace**  
**versus**  
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# God's Peace

The Lord's peace is present in relationships when equilibrium, tranquility, and richness are restored.



# John 14:27 - ESV

Peace I leave with you; my peace  
I give to you. Not as the world  
gives do I give to you. Let not  
your hearts be troubled, neither  
let them be afraid.



# **John 14:27 - NLT**

**“I am leaving you with a gift—  
peace of mind and heart. And  
the peace I give is a gift the  
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troubled or afraid.**



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## **2 Samuel 13:23**

**Two years later, when Absalom's sheep were being sheared at Baal-hazor near Ephraim, Absalom invited all the king's sons to come to a feast.**



## 2 Samuel 13:24

He went to the king and said,  
“My sheep-shearers are now at  
work. Would the king and his  
servants please come to  
celebrate the occasion with me?”



## 2 Samuel 13:25

The king replied, “No, my son. If we all came, we would be too much of a burden on you.”

Absalom pressed him, but the king would not come, though he gave Absalom his blessing.



## 2 Samuel 13:26

“Well, then,” Absalom said, “if you can’t come, how about sending my brother Amnon with us?”

“Why Amnon?” the king asked.



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Absalom told his men, “Wait until Amnon gets drunk; then at my signal, kill him! Don’t be afraid. I’m the one who has given the command. Take courage and do it!”



## **2 Samuel 13:29**

**So at Absalom's signal they murdered Amnon. Then the other sons of the king jumped on their mules and fled.**



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# **“Peace Keeping”**

- We give in to manipulation.
- We agree to what is wrong.
- We ignore what is sinful.
- We keep quiet.
- We cave to pressure.
- We say we have “inner peace”  
to justify our actions.



# Principle #5

Those who seek and work to usher God's peace into this world and into their relationships; love God, others, and themselves enough to disrupt false peace.



**Paul and Peter**  
**Galatians 2:11-16**



# Principle #6

Clear, realistic, spoken, and agreed upon expectations are great tools to use in partnership with the Holy Spirit to usher God's peace into our lives.



**The problem with most of our  
unmet expectations is that they  
tend to be subconscious,  
unrealistic, unspoken, and  
unagreed upon.**



# Unmet Expectations

- Subconscious – we have expectations we are not even aware of until someone disappoints us.
- Unrealistic – we have ill conceived expectations about others meeting our needs.



# Unmet Expectations

- Unspoken – we may have never clearly discussed with others what we need, expect, desire, or want.
- Unagreed Upon – the other person never agreed to try and meet our expectations.



# Principle #7

Even if we do all that we can to be ambassadors of God's peace, the fact is that some of our relationships will not experience God's peace.



# **Romans 12:18**

**If it is possible, as far as it  
depends on you, live at peace  
with everyone.**





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