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*Family Collapse, part 1:
The Teenagers Fall Apart*
2 Samuel 13-14

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1. The Consequences of Sin in Unexpected Ways
—The Unaware, Overly Permissive Father (2 Samuel 13)

2. The Consequences of Sin in Unexpected Ways —The Absent Harsh Father (2 Samuel 14)

Table Talk

- 1) Describe how you see David's family functioning. How aware is David of what goes on in his house? Put yourself in David's shoes. How much do you want to go over the sinful episode with Bathsheba with your children and those close to you? Why does that lead to burying other problems?
- 2) What kind of person is Amnon? Do people today use the word, "love," in the same way Amnon uses it? What help does this account give to victims of sexual abuse? How does the fact that God knows that such horrors exist serve to comfort us? How might that same fact serve to leave us with more questions? Who was responsible for this sin against Tamar?
- 3) What does Absalom do to bring justice? (13:23-29) Why does Amnon flee to the north? (compare 13:37 and 3:3) How does David reveal his paralysis? (13:39)
- 4) How does Joab use a story to get truth to David? (14:1-22) Why does Absalom name his daughter, "Tamar"? (14:27) Why is Absalom home but David refuses to see him? (14:28)
- 5) How does this account reveal the disqualification of David as God's True King? Describe the kingdom building actions of some of the people in this story. How does this story reveal the need for a real Savior as the True King?