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## SERMON 4 - BROKEN AND CONFLICTED

**“Create in me a pure heart; renew in me a steadfast spirit.” Psalm 51**

### **1. Setting a Bad Example**

**“In the course of time Amnon son of David fell in love with Tamar, the beautiful sister of Absalom son of David.” 2 Samuel 13:1**

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## 1. Setting a Bad Example

**“Amnon became frustrated to the point of illness on account of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin, and it seemed impossible for him to do anything to her.”  
2 Samuel 13:2**

**“Don't, my brother!’ she said to him. ‘Don't force me. Such a thing should not be done in Israel! Do not do such a wicked thing.’” 2 Samuel 13:12**

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## 2. Failing to Discipline

**“When King David heard all this, he was furious.”  
2 Samuel 13:21**

**“David would not punish his son Amnon because he loved him, for he was his firstborn.”**

**“Absalom never said a word to Amnon, either good or bad.” 2 Samuel 13:22**

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## 3. Denying the Reality of the Situation

**“Two years later, when Absalom’s sheepshearers were at Baal Hazor near the border of Ephraim, he invited all the king’s sons to come there.”**

**2 Samuel 13:23**

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## 3. Denying the Reality of the Situation

**“Your servant has had shearers come. Will the king and his attendants please join me?” “No, my son,” the king replied. “All of us should not go; we would only be a burden to you.” Although Absalom urged him, he still refused to go but gave him his blessing. Then Absalom said, “If not, please let my brother Amnon come with us.” 2 Samuel 13:24-26**

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## 3. Denying the Reality of the Situation

**“Listen! When Amnon is in high spirits from drinking wine and I say to you, ‘Strike Amnon down,’ then kill him. Don’t be afraid. Have not I given you this order? Be strong and brave.” So Absalom’s men did to Amnon what Absalom had ordered.” 2 Samuel 13:28**

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## 4. Avoiding Reconciliation

**“After Absalom fled and went to Geshur....”**

**2 Samuel 13:38**

**“And the spirit of the king longed to go to Absalom,  
for he was consoled concerning Amnon’s death.”**

**2 Samuel 13:38**

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## 4. Avoiding Reconciliation

**“Absalom lived two years in Jerusalem without seeing the king’s face.”**

**2 Samuel 14:28**

**Then Joab did go to Absalom’s house, and he said to him, “Why have your servants set my field on fire?” 2 Samuel 14:31**

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## 4. Avoiding Reconciliation

**“And Absalom came and bowed down with his face to the ground before the king.”**

**“He bent down and kissed him.”**

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## 5. Failing to Express Emotions

**“Absalom said to Ahithophel, ‘Give us your advice. What should we now do?’” 2 Samuel 16:20**

**“Lie with your father’s concubines whom he left to take care of the palace. Then all of Israel will hear that you made yourself a stench in your father’s nostrils, and the hands of everyone with you will be strengthened.”**

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## 5. Failing to Express Emotions

**“The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and he wept. As he went, he said, ‘O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!’”**  
**2 Samuel 18:31-33**

**“Discipline your son, for in it there is hope; and do not be a willing party to his death.”**  
**Proverbs 19:18**

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## 5. Failing to Express Emotions

**“He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge.” Proverbs 14: 26**

**Overcoming family dysfunctions**

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