

“Sin Destroys Beauty”  
2 Samuel 13:1-22

*“Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house.’” (2 Samuel 12:10-11a)*

- Characters in the Narrative: (2 Samuel 12:10-11)
  - *Absalom*: David’s son (2 Samuel 14:25-26).
  - *Amnon*: David’s oldest son (2 Samuel 3:2).
  - *Tamar*: David’s daughter and Absalom’s sister (2 Samuel 13:1).
  - *Jonadab*: David’s nephew (2 Samuel 13:3).
  
- (2 Samuel 13:1-6) “But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.”
  - “It seemed impossible for Amnon to do anything to her.”
    - 1. She lived in a different household because of having different mothers, so he had no access to her.
    - 2. Because his desires were unlawful (Leviticus 18:9; Deuteronomy 27:22) he knew that wouldn’t be accepted.
    - 3. He knew that his brother, Absalom, would not allow it.
  - *There are so called “friends” in whose company it is easy to do evil and there are true friends in whose company it is easy to be godly.*
  
- (2 Samuel 13:7-14) “Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin....”
  - Tamar is serving Amnon in kindness and her deepest beauty is unseen because he is burning with lust, not love.
  - The four attempts to rescue herself and her brother.
    - An appeal to being a part of the people of God.
    - An appeal to the damage that it would cause her.
    - An appeal to the damage it would cause him.
      - “Outrageous fools” = Godless wretch
    - An appeal to do this “lawfully”.
  
- (2 Samuel 13:15-22) “Sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.”
  - ***Sin is never satisfied until it has brought forth death. It will keep working until destruction takes place. There must be no peace with sin.***
  - When sin is in control there is a refusal to listen to truth....*“but he would not listen to her.”*
  - Not only did Amnon privately shame Tamar, he also publicly shamed her and treated her like she was the guilty party.
    - Desolate = “laid waste”
  - David was angry, but he was not just. He did not rule righteously. Amnon should have been punished for his act, he was not.
    - *“But he would not punish his son Amnon, because he loved him, since he was his firstborn.”*

## **Announcements:**

★**SERVICE TIME CHANGE & CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT!!** On Sunday, December 24th, we will be transitioning to our morning worship service time! This will be our Christmas Eve service, at 10:30am. *We will NOT be having an evening service on Christmas Eve!* Christmas Eve is a great opportunity to invite friends, relatives, and co-workers to join you for church.

\***A note to all parents:** There will be NO Children's Ministry for the Christmas Eve service. Please know that you are welcome to use the Flex Room at the back of the sanctuary if at any point you need to remove your child from our gathering. One parent must be in the Flex Room with their child at all times.

★**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:** Our annual New Year's Eve Party will be on Sunday, December 31st, at Andy Wesley's house. The festivities will start at 6pm and last until midnight! Please plan on joining us for a fun night of games and food and fellowship!

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We will be having a short Members' Meeting THIS Sunday, December 10th, immediately following the worship service. This meeting is to present the 2024 budget and to give the members a couple of updates. If you are a current church member, please plan on staying for this meeting!

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The monthly men's breakfast is scheduled for THIS Saturday, December 9th, at 8am, at Panther Pizza. Please let Mike Trapp know if you plan on attending [(614)477-3330]!

★**LEGACY THEOLOGY PRACTICUM:** In 5 weeks, starting on January 8 through March 11, 2024, we will be offering a 10-week course on "**Church History**" on Mondays from 6-9pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the birth of the Church in Acts 2 in 30AD up to our present time of 2023. Our Christian heritage is filled to the brim with fascinating figures whose lives we can learn from. Church history also records the teaching, movements, and mistakes of Christians who held to the truth of the Word and sought to reflect the invisible God. For the past two-thousand years of our history, Christians have wrestled with Scripture. The stories of Polycarp, Athanasius, Irenaeus, Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Jonathan Edwards, and John Wesley (just to name a few) help us to persevere in our faith during tough times and inspire us to live our lives in full for God's glory. We will study the major disputes of Heresy, such as the Council of Nicaea, that condemned Arianism in 325, the Council of Carthage that denounced Pelagianism in 418, and the Council of Chalcedon that rejected Eutychianism in 451. We also will study when Churches and Denominations begin. Please let Elder Richard know if you may be interested in this course so we can prepare a Syllabus for you.