



“CHASING DAVID - Finding Strength To Break Negative Cycles”

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INTRODUCTION

The consequences of David’s bad behavior were intense and heartbreaking. As we continue to look at his life, he has become passive because of his guilt. This has caused a cycle of generational sins. Jeremiah reminds us that with God, you and I have the power to be a cycle-breaker and a cycle-maker.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In order be a CYCLE-BREAKER-You must break the cycle of generational sin.

1. **Read 2 Samuel 13:1-21.** When David heard what happened to Tamar, he was very angry, yet he does not seek justice.
 - How do you think he should have handled the situation?
 - Absalom takes in his sister, but doesn’t speak to Aamon about his crime. Do you think that made things worse? Why?

In order be a CYCLE-BREAKER-You must engage when you encounter injustice.

2. **Read 2 Samuel 13: 22-28.** Why do you think Absalom took it into his own hands to bring justice to Tamar? Did this make the situation better or worse?
3. **Read 2 Samuel 14:28.**

- How long had it been since King David spoke to his son Absalom? David clearly loves his son, but for years doesn’t talk to him. What does this tell us about parenting and relationships in general?

4. **Read 2 Samuel 15:2-6.**

- Why do you think Absalom is trying to win the hearts of the people?
- Could Absalom have chosen a wiser way to deal with his Father?
Discuss as a group.

In order be a CYCLE-BREAKER-You must break the cycle of vengeance.

5. **Read 2 Samuel 15:13-26.**

- Why do you think David fled?
- Look at verses 25 and 26 again. The people believed that wherever the ark was, so was God. Why is David’s command to Zadok so significant?

6. Jeremiah reminds us that breaking negative cycles requires complete dependence on God along with being an UNOFFENDABLE person. Split up the following scriptures with the group and read each aloud.

- Proverbs 12:16, Proverbs 29:11, 1 Peter 2:23-24. How we can live out these scriptures in our day-to-day lives?

COMMIT TO MEMORY

A fool is quick-tempered, but a wise person stays calm when insulted.

Proverbs 12:16

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Share prayer requests, and commit to praying for one another until you meet again.

FOR THOSE FOLLOWING ALONG IN THE BOOK

If you or your group has chosen to follow along using the book, hopefully you have read Chapter 7, FINDING STRENGTH WHEN PEOPLE CAUSE YOU PAIN. Next you will want to read Chapter 8, FINDING PERSPECTIVE IN THE CHAOS and then join us next weekend as we complete our series.

CHASING DAVID DEVOTIONALS

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