2 Samuel Lesson 15 (2023)

**ABSALOM KILLS AMNON**

(2 Samuel 13:23-39)

**Open it:**

1. What are the pitfalls of taking justice into our own hands?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 23-27. How long did Absalom harbor a grudge against Amnon? For what occasion did Absalom invite king David and all his officials? What should have alerted David that Absalom’s motives for holding the feast were less than pure?
2. Read verses 28-33. What order did Absalom give to his men concerning his brother Amnon? How did David’s other sons react when Amnon was murdered? What might we surmise about Jonadab’s involvement in the second part of the Amnon/Tamar incident?
3. Read verses 34-36. What did Absalom do after the murder of Amnon? How did David learn that Jonadab’s version of events was true? What was the mood among David and his sons and servants following the news of Amnon’s murder? (36)
4. Read verses 37-39. Why did Absalom go into self-imposed exile? How did David view what had transpired between his sons? What did David want to do more than anything once the incident was passed? What did it mean that David was “consoled concerning Amon’s death”?
5. Why do you suppose David was hesitant to speak to either Amnon concerning his sexual sin or Absalom when he contracted murder? Why is enmity and injury between family members so painful for everyone involved? What does it take to keep good relationships between family members?

**Apply it:**

1. What would be a constructive way to express anger toward someone you love?