

# SERMON OUTLINE

3745 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Sunday Morning 6/15/08

## *“Absalom’s Vengeance”*

### **I. Topic to be Discussed**

- A. In narrative portions of the Bible we see stories about people - their struggles, cares, faith... We learn valuable life lessons
- B. The Life of David - Although a hero of faith - still had challenges (as we do) - Helps us - live for God - overcoming our sins

### **II. Absalom and David**

- A. It Begins with Amnon
  - 1. David’s sons: 2 Samuel 3:2 (first six by six different women)
  - 2. Amnon is in lust for his half sister Tamar (through Maacah) who is the sister of Absalom.
    - a. Plan devised - feign illness - Tamar sent to Amnon
    - b. She is raped by Amnon - he hates her - sends her away
  - 3. The Lessons
    - a. You will find a way to get what you want.
    - b. Sin is NEVER as great as you think it will be. What do you want out of life??? It’s not that great!!!
- B. Absalom Takes Matters Into His Own Hands
  - 1. Tamar runs out of the house - violated - 2 Sam 13:20-21
  - 2. Absalom’s Plan: Two years later, invites brothers to festival (David too!!!) - sheep shearing, servants of Absalom kill Amnon
  - 3. Word back to David
    - a. Absalom flees to Geshur (family)
    - b. 2 Sam 13:37-39 - David seeks Absalom but then backs off
  - 4. Lessons
    - a. Is Absalom a hero? Romans 12:19-21 -leave room for God
    - b. Absalom wants to send David a message. Hebrews 12:15
    - c. Jonadab is a snake. Thinks of the plan yet no responsibility
    - d. David’s battle: family vs. justice: Why not do anything?
      - (1) 2 Samuel 12:7-13 - David’s sin with Bathsheba
      - (2) Our sins WILL affect our actions!
      - (3) David learned - Consequences vs. Forgiveness. He was forgiven - but there were consequences. The same is true in our lives - we may be forgiven but there are still consequences for the sins we commit.

### **III. Conclusion**

David sought forgiveness - can have peace even in consequences