

## QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

THE LIFE OF DAVID PART 23:  
A HOUSE DIVIDED  
**2 SAMUEL 13**  
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1. How can you prevent your emotions and passions from becoming destructive like that of Amnon and Absalom? How can we channel our feelings and desires to be productive for the glory of God?
2. Romans 3:23 says we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Does that mean we should have no standards and not hold anyone accountable for their actions and poor decisions?
3. When you learn of sin in your household, what can you do to make the situation right or better?
4. God is not mentioned in chapter 13 and it may appear He is absent, but what does the text tell us about God's character?

*"Love does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth."*  
1 Corinthians 13:5-6

*"Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ."*  
Galatians 6:1-2

"In Germany, they first came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist; then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me - and by that time no one was left to speak up."  
Martin Niemöller, a German Pastor

I. Amnon: \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_  
*Verses 1-2*

II. Jonadab: \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_  
*Verses 3-5; 32-35*

III. Tamar: \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_  
*Verses 6-20*

V. Absalom: \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_  
*Verses 22-39*

IV. David: \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_  
*Verse 21*

VI. Conclusion