

**NIV MEMORY VERSE: 2 Samuel 14:14b****UNITED KINGDOM 19-1**

But God does not take away life; instead he devises ways so that a banished person may not remain estranged from him.

**“A FATHER’S FAILURE AT HOME”  
READ 2 Samuel 13:1 - 14:33****DAY 1 - READ 2 Samuel 13:1 - 14:33**

1. What was a meaningful to you in last week’s lesson?
  
2. Find the names that fit these relationships in today’s reading:
  - a. David’s children were
  - b. Jonadab was the friend of
  - c. Absalom fled to his maternal grandfather (13:37)
  - d. The son of Zeruah was
  - e. The daughter of Absalom, \_\_\_\_\_, was named after her aunt.
  
3. Share three ways you think David failed as a father in these two chapters.

**DAY 2 - REVIEW 2 Samuel 13:1-22**

4. a. If Amnon’s feelings for Tamar were truly “love,” what should he have done?
  - b. To accommodate his lust, what did he do?
  - c. Why was cousin Jonadab just as immoral as Amnon?
  
5. How did Tamar try to protect her chastity in verse 13?
  
6. a. What was the law that covered this situation according to Deuteronomy 22:28,29?
  - b. Tamar knew the law (2 Samuel 13:16), but how did Amnon react to her?
  
7. How did Absalom console his sister?
  
8. a. King David was \_\_\_\_\_, but what did he do about it?
  - b. Do you think David’s past sin with Bathsheba influenced his reaction? Explain.
  - c. How do you respond when your children or others in your influence commit the same sin that you have committed in the past?

**DAY 2 – (Continued) REVIEW 2 Samuel 13:1-22**

9. a. Describe Absalom's attitude toward Amnon.
- b. What do you think it was toward David?

**DAY 3 - REVIEW 2 Samuel 13:23-39**

10. Picture the dialogue in verses 23-37. What do you think was the motive in Absalom's heart when he invited the king to the feast?
11. a. News of murder. What was the false report?
- b. . . . the true report?
12. Share your opinion of Jonadab as he reported all to King David.
13. a. If David longed for Absalom so much, why do you think he let him stay in Geshur?
- b. There appears to be a real lack of communication between David and his children. From what we studied in chapter 13, how could he have done better?
- c. Name one specific way you could improve communications in your family.

**DAY 4 - REVIEW 2 Samuel 14:1-22**

14. Joab knew his king's anguish so he devised an elaborate scheme to accomplish what?
15. a. David was reminded of what truth in verse 14?
- b. How does God accomplish that today from Romans 3:22-26?
- . . . Romans 6:4?
16. David recognized what (vs.19)?
- . . . granted what (vs.21)?
17. Which do you think is hardest regarding forgiveness – initiating it? Responding with it? Accepting it? Please explain.

**DAY 5 - REVIEW 2 Samuel 14:23-33**

18. What was the condition for Absalom's return from exile?
  
19. Describe Absalom's physical appearance.  
... family unit.
  
20. How did Absalom get Joab's attention?
  
21. Why was Absalom so angry in verse 32?
  
22. What do you think the reconciliation meeting of verse 33 accomplished?
  
23. What insight has this lesson given you regarding ...
  - a. ... good advice for a young lady?
  - b. ... good advice for a young man?
  - c. ... the problems of passive parenting?
  - d. ... the development of stronger family relationships?

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**LECTURE NOTES:**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**