

Man After God's Own Heart (Love part 2)

Acts 13:16-23 (read)- Paul speaking in the synagogue in Antioch (David - the man after God's own heart)

- Israel demands a king
 - 1 Samuel 8:4-9 & 19-22 (read both)
 - 1 Samuel 9:2 (don't read)
 - "Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people."
- God provides for himself a king
 - 1 Samuel 16:1
 - 1 Sam 16:6-13 (read -Samuel anoints David)
 - v12. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome.
- 2 years into his reign David falls
 - Bathsheba & Uriah
 - 2 Samuel 12:7-14 (read)
- 11 Years later - sins of his sons begin
 - Tamar defiled by Amnon her half brother
 - 2 Samuel 13:21,22
 - David was very angry

Here is where we get to know Absalom = (Hebrew: ah-ve-sha-lohm) father of peace

Sacrifice

- 2 years later Absalom hosts a feast with all his brothers
2 Samuel 13:32-36
David wept bitterly
- 3 years later Joab devises a plan to reunite Absalom and David
David figures out the scheme and allows Absalom to return with conditions
You can stay in your home but you cannot come before me
- 2 years later Absalom tries to summon Joab but after 2 tries he sets fire to his fields to get his attention
“Why did I come only this far, it would have been better to stay gone.”
- David restores Absalom
Chariot, horses, and 50 men

Absalom who had justified Amnon’s murder by his sisters defilement resented his father

-No justice for Tamar

-No justice for Amnon

Absalom: “Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice.”

- For the next four years Absalom campaigned to all those who came before the king
15:6 “So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.”
Absalom’s coup
2 Samuel 15:13-15
- David’s on the run but he gets some assistance from the Lord and his friend Hushai by confusing the plan of Absalom
2 Samuel 18:1-9
How does one get their head stuck in a tree?
2 Samuel 14:25,26
- Absalom killed
2 Samuel 18:10-11 & 14-15

Love

Could David have prevented all of this by...

 punishing Amnon? -his sin was similar to David's adultery with Bathsheba

 punishing Absalom? - his sin was similar to David killing Uriah

prior to the 11 years of turmoil from Tamar to the death of Absalom David had 11 years of dealing with his sin

 Psalm 51 (Read) David's psalm of repentance

 Luke 7:44-47 (Read) "Forgiven little, loves little"

David was a man after God's own heart not because he was perfect, but because he was sensitive to the Holy Spirit and loved much because he had been forgiven much.

David's love for his son

 David's reaction to what Amnon had done

 2 Samuel 13:21

 When King David heard of all these things, he was very angry.*

 *Dead Sea Scrolls & Septuagint add

 ...but he would not punish his son Amnon, because he loved him, since he was his firstborn

David's heart after Absalom killed Amnon

 2 Samuel 13:39

2 Samuel 15:30 (read) David wept as he ascended the Mount of Olives

David's reaction after the death of Absalom who was trying to kill him

 2 Samuel 18:33