



Shofar Christian Church

The background of the slide is a photograph of a calm lake reflecting a dense evergreen forest. The water is still, creating a clear mirror image of the trees. The sky is not visible, as the trees fill the upper portion of the frame.

When dreams are crushed: Reflections on the life of David

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David's Family

(2Sa 13:6) So Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill. And when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let my sister Tamar come and make a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand."

(2Sa 13:7) Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, "Go to your brother Amnon's house and prepare food for him."

David's Family

2Sa 13:8) So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, where he was lying down. And she took dough and kneaded it and made cakes in his sight and baked the cakes.

(2Sa 13:9) And she took the pan and emptied it out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, "Send out everyone from me." So everyone went out from him.

David's Family

(2Sa 13:10) Then Amnon said to Tamar, “Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat from your hand.” And Tamar took the cakes she had made and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

(2Sa 13:11) But when she brought them near him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, “Come, lie with me, my sister.”

David's Family

(2Sa 13:12) She answered him, “No, my brother, do not violate me, for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this outrageous thing.

(2Sa 13:13) As for me, where could I carry my shame? And as for you, you would be as one of the outrageous fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king, for he will not withhold me from you.”

(2Sa 13:14) But he would not listen to her, and being stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her.

David's Family

(2Sa 13:15) Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, “Get up! Go!”

(2Sa 13:16) But she said to him, “No, my brother, for this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me.” But he would not listen to her.

David's Family

(2Sa 13:17) He called the young man who served him and said, "Put this woman out of my presence and bolt the door after her."

(2Sa 13:18) Now she was wearing a long robe with sleeves, for thus were the virgin daughters of the king dressed. So his servant put her out and bolted the door after her.

(2Sa 13:19) And Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the long robe that she wore. And she laid her hand on her head and went away, crying aloud as she went.

David's Family

(2Sa 13:20) And her brother Absalom said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? Now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother; do not take this to heart." So Tamar lived, a desolate woman, in her brother Absalom's house.

(2Sa 13:21) When King David heard of all these things, he was very angry.

David's Family Continues

(2Sa 13:26) Then Absalom said, “If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us.” And the king said to him, “Why should he go with you?”

(2Sa 13:27) But Absalom pressed him until he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

(2Sa 13:28) Then Absalom commanded his servants, “Mark when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, ‘Strike Amnon,’ then kill him. Do not fear; have I not commanded you? Be courageous and be valiant.”

David's Family Continues

(2Sa 13:29) So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and each mounted his mule and fled.

(2Sa 13:30) While they were on the way, news came to David, "Absalom has struck down all the king's sons, and not one of them is left."

(2Sa 13:31) Then the king arose and tore his garments and lay on the earth. And all his servants who were standing by tore their garments.

David's Family Continues

(2Sa 13:37) But Absalom fled and went to Talmi the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son day after day.

(2Sa 13:38) So Absalom fled and went to Geshur, and was there three years.

The Family of David Continues...

(2Sa 14:23) So Joab arose and went to Geshur and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

(2Sa 14:24) And the king said, “Let him dwell apart in his own house; he is not to come into my presence.” So Absalom lived apart in his own house and did not come into the king's presence.

(2Sa 14:25) Now in all Israel there was no one so much to be praised for his handsome appearance as Absalom. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

The Family of David Continues...

(2Sa 14:33) Then Joab went to the king and told him, and he summoned Absalom. So he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king, and the king kissed Absalom.



The Family of David Continues...

(2Sa 15:1) After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

(2Sa 15:2) And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And when he said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel,"

The Family of David Continues...

(2Sa 15:6) Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

David Flees, again..

(2Sa 15:13) And a messenger came to David, saying, “The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom.”

(2Sa 15:14) Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, “Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword.”

David Flees, again..

(2Sa 15:30) But David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went, barefoot and with his head covered. And all the people who were with him covered their heads, and they went up, weeping as they went.

Absalom Murdered

(2Sa 18:14) Joab said, “I will not waste time like this with you.” And he took three javelins in his hand and thrust them into the heart of Absalom while he was still alive in the oak.

(2Sa 18:15) And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him and killed him.

Absalom Murdered

(2Sa 18:33) And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

(2Sa 22:2) He said, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

(2Sa 22:3) my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.

(2Sa 22:4) I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

(2Sa 22:5) “For the waves of death encompassed me, the torrents of destruction assailed me;

(2Sa 22:6) the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

(2Sa 22:7) “In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears.

(Joh 6:35) Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

(Joh 6:37) All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

(Rom 8:35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

(Rom 8:36) As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

(Rom 8:37) No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.