



# The Grove

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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 10.27.24 Pulpit Curriculum

## The Tangled Web of Lust and Revenge

Main passage: 2 Samuel 13

### Introduction

The passage details a horrible, traumatic sin. People defy God's moral precepts in sinful rebellion. But God offers healing, grace, and redemption that come only from the Lord.

### A Horrible Scene (v. 1 - 14)

- The horrible scene- A gut-wrenching scene of abuse plays out in excruciating detail.
- Where is God in moments like this? God knows. God is there. God cares. Although man's rebellion is not always cut short by Him, God is not standing by in passivity. He is working the works of redemption. (Rom. 15:4)
- Tamar's strength- Tamar is the only hero in the story and demonstrates exemplary strength.
- Freedom from guilt and shame- God is able to save to the uttermost (Heb. 7:25) and does not cast out (John 6:37) those who come to Him in repentance or brokenness.

A. Why doesn't God prevent sinful situations such as these? \_\_\_\_\_

B. In what ways does Tamar demonstrate great strength? \_\_\_\_\_

C. How do guilt and shame cloud your days? How do we instead live in the redemption and hope of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

### Lust's Insanity (v. 15 - 19)

"Be killing sin or sin will be killing you." – John Owen

- Lust v. Love- "Love" is used three times in this passage but is corrected three times to mean "violate." Amnon does not love Tamar; rather, he lusts after her and his lust gives way to hatred.



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- Costs of lust- Lust deceives, blinds, and lies to us. Lust warps judgement because reason cannot reign where lust is allowed. A few minutes of lust can lead to a lifetime of devastation.
  - Lord, renew a right spirit in me (Ps. 51:10)
    - D. What is the difference between lust and love? \_\_\_\_\_
    - E. How do we recover a biblical view of sin and its sinfulness? How do we stand guard over our hearts? \_\_\_\_\_
    - F. What godly desires are you cultivating in your life? How does being part of a local church and life group help in this pursuit? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Absalom's Revenge (v. 20 - 39)

- A divided family
  - David's failure- David is an indulgent, permissive father. He is angry at Amnon's son, but he does nothing. David had lost his moral high ground, but those who come to Christ and repent regain the moral high ground.
  - Protection of women
    - G. What is the warning to parents in this passage? \_\_\_\_\_
    - H. How do we disciple someone who is caught up in sexual sin or who has been a victim of such? \_\_\_\_\_
    - I. How do we protect the vulnerable? \_\_\_\_\_
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