

Message Notes



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ABSALOM: HANGING BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH (2 SAMUEL 13-18)

Definition of “Unfulfilled Potential” = Absalom

His outward appearance was flawless; his inward appearance was a tangled mess of unresolved sin, family or origin dysfunction (“daddy issues”), hurt and pain, resentment, vengeful spirit, retribution, devious rebellion, bitterness, hatred, idolatrous, and murderous.

Absalom’s ultimate demise (2 Samuel 18)

We all hang in the balance, between heaven and earth.
The story of Absalom is about us.

THE FACES OF AN “ABSALOM SPIRIT”

1. It can appear justifiable (2 Samuel 13)

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. (v. 29)

Jesus: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone.” (Matthew 18:15)

2. It is the result of emotional and spiritual immaturity (2 Samuel 14)

Then Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but Joab would not come to him... Then he said to his servants, “See, Joab's field is next to mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire.” (v. 30-31)

3. It is a conspiracy hiding behind noble concerns (2 Samuel 15)

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.” And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him. Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. And at the end of four years Absalom said to the king, “Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the Lord, in Hebron. For your servant vowed a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram, saying, ‘If the Lord will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will offer worship to the Lord.’” (v.4-8)

JESUS’ SUMMATION/WARNING OF AN “ABSALOM SPIRIT”

Jesus: “But I say to you that everyone who is angry (vengeful spirit) with his brother will be in danger of the judgment.” (Matthew 5:22)

A FEW LESSONS FOR US

1. An unhappy home produces unbalanced and dysfunctional children.
2. Lack of consistent parental discipline breeds insecurity, emotional and spiritual immaturity, and resentment.
3. Failure to repair a broken relationship inflicts wounds that never heal. It is never too late to start doing what is right. “I have been wrong. I love you, and I want a close relationship with you. Please forgive me and tell me how we can make it happen.”

CONTRIBUTION REPORT ~ CHURCH BUDGET ~ 7/26/15 (NEW FISCAL BUDGET)

	Weekly Worship Attendance	Weekly Offering Received	Weekly Offering Budget	Offering Variance
7/26	442	\$ 35,914	\$ 26,094	\$ +9,820
	Budgeted YTD \$ 104,376	Offerings YTD \$123,398		\$ +19,022

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7/26 Pledged \$3,789,526 Received To Date \$1,299,940 Balance \$2,489,586

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