

For the week of March 13, 2016
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Abused and Abandoned

30th week in the series "A Life of Passion: The Story of David."

2 Samuel 13: 1-22

We have seen David at his worst in his sin against Bathsheba and Uriah. We have also seen a tremendous repentance. In our story today, we see the reverberations of his sin begin as his son follows in his footsteps to sexually assault Tamar, his half-sister. As we witness the rape and abandonment of Tamar, we will consider similar patterns of sin in our own culture. We will learn how we can respond and how God offers hope, healing and courage.

Discussion Questions:

1. What kind of desires have you dealt with that seem like they can only be handled by giving into them?
2. How have you participated in denying someone's personhood? How have you seen that in our culture?
3. Have you ever underestimated what someone is capable of?
4. Think about how all the men in Tamar's life responded to her assault. How did each of them fail her? How could they have responded?
5. What hope and help does Jesus offer to anyone involved with sexual assault?
6. How can the church better respond to victims of sexual assault?