

Absalom

2 Samuel 13

1. After Amnon raped Tamar, what do we discover about Absalom?
2. David was upset, but he didn't seem to confront Amnon after the rape, nor did he go to Absalom after Amnon's murder. How do you think David's actions impacted Absalom?

2 Samuel 14

1. Absalom stayed in Geshur 3 years after killing Amnon, then 2 more years in Jerusalem before he was allowed to see his father, David. What do you think their reunion was like? How do you think this impacted Absalom?
2. What else do we discover about Absalom in this chapter?

2 Samuel 15

1. How was Absalom able to "steal the hearts" of the Israelites? How would you describe Absalom's character after reading this chapter?
2. Why do you think people joined Absalom's conspiracy?

2 Samuel 16-18

1. Why did you learn about Ahithophel that might explain his reason for suicide?
2. Why do you think Joab killed Absalom against David's clear orders to bring him back alive?

What can we learn about revenge and bitterness from the life of Absalom?