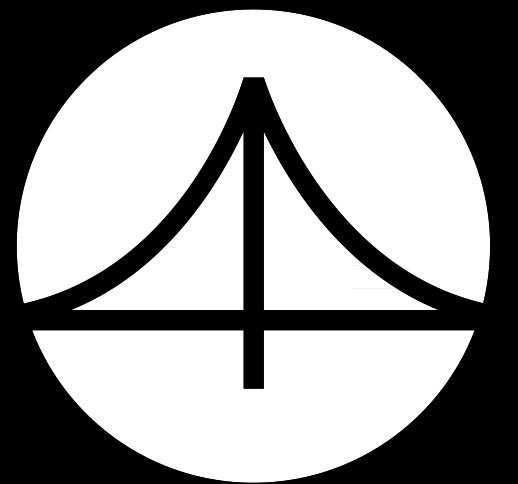


David's Relationships: Amnon and Absalom

2 Samuel 13
2 Samuel 15:1-12



**Intentional, engaged parenting honors God
and brings blessing.**

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Importance of Good Parenting

- David's bad parenting leads to real-world consequences
- 3 of his kids have their lives ruined or ended because of his poor parenting
- The effects of his poor parenting lead the whole nation to war

David's Failures

- He is oblivious to his kids' character flaws
- He spoils his kids and gives them whatever they want, even if it's wrong
- He fails to hold his children responsible for their actions

Why David Fails

- He is very busy with his work
- His own moral failures keep him from holding his kids accountable for theirs
- David's love for his kids makes him not want to see them suffer
- None of these things is bad in themselves, but David desires them too much, which turns them bad

The Path to Good Parenting

- To be good parents, we need properly ordered loves and desires
- Proper order: Love small things a small amount, big things a big amount, and God most of all
- Knowing God as our perfect Father helps us order our loves properly so we can be good parents