Let Us Not Neglect Our Father's Love

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INTRODUCTION

- In 2 Samuel chapter 13, there's a story that begins about a father and his son.
- It demonstrates how the love that a father can demonstrate to his very precious son can be completely disregarded on the part of the son.

1 Children Disregard the Love of Their Father

John 3:16; Romans 5:6–8

- But the greater tragedy today is that there are children today that completely disregard the love of their father in heaven.
- For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whomsoever should believe on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- God demonstrates his love for us in Christ Jesus. Not just to us who are assembled here, but to all the world.

2 Absalom Was Very Bitter

James 3:13–17

- Many times we become like Absalom. Many times we take on the attitude that Absalom had.
- By questioning our God, by doubting our God, we can easily become bitter and resentful, as Absalom was.
- But if ye have bitter jealousy and faction in your heart, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
- We should not be bitter against our God, because our God knows what is best for us.

3 Absalom Was Vengeful

Hebrews 10:30

- He wanted to solve the problem. But it was not his right or his place.
- Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord.
- We have no right to be vengeful against our brothers.
- Christians are not to be vengeful. Standing for the right, yes, but not vengeful.

4 Absalom Was a Very Arrogant Individual

Proverbs 27:1–2; 2 Corinthians 10:17; Galatians 5:25–26

- Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth. A stranger, and not thine own lips.
- The righteous are not ones that take account of all the good that they do. They are not ones that boast in themselves, but they are ones who boast in the Lord.

- We take on the attitude of Absalom. Changing the things that should be into the things that we want them to be.
- Let us do what God has told us to do, the way that God has told us to do it.

5 Absalom Was Violent

Matthew 5:5; Colossians 3:1–4

- He commanded his servants to set the fields of Joab aflame. A very violent act.
- Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- Set your mind on the things that are above and not upon the things that are upon the earth.
- Set your mind upon what your Father who is in heaven wants you to do, and not upon the things of this earth.

6 Do Not Continue in Sin With a Hardened Heart

Hebrews 6:4–6; Ecclesiastes 8:11; Romans 2:4–5

- Many times we continue in our sin, knowing that we are sinners, we continue. Because we feel that we know best.
- It is impossible to renew them again into repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to open shame.
- Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.
- God has granted us time to repent. David offered time for Absalom to repent. But Absalom continued in his sin.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What type of son are you? Don't be in Absalom. Don't harden your heart to sin. Do not be bitter. Do not be vengeful. Do not be arrogant. Humble yourself before your God, your father, and be right with him.**

MY NOTES