

Bedroom Blind Children
(It Does Not Stop With You)

The rod and reproof give wisdom, but **a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.**
(Proverbs 29:15, English Standard Version)

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Question: How did your parenting choices impact your **children's current** outcome?

- 15 **Wise discipline imparts wisdom**; spoiled adolescents embarrass their parents. 16 When degenerates take charge, crime runs wild, but the righteous will eventually observe their collapse. 17 **Discipline your children**; you'll be glad you did—**they'll turn out delightful to live with.** (Proverbs 29:15-17, Message Version)

I. Growing Up With Bedroom Blind Parents

Note: David's kids grew up in a sexually blind culture that had accepted polygamy (or the practice of having more than one wife). This created a **reality show** atmosphere filled with abuse and embarrassing seasons.

Question: Can you imagine how it felt to watch your dad be embarrassed? (**2 Samuel 12:7-13**)

Four Observations About David's Children

1. They grew up watching a dad with everything and every opportunity

- 7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I **gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping**, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more!' (NKJV)

2. They watched their dad abuse his power: He destroyed a families dream

- 9 Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? **You have killed Uriah** the Hittite with the sword; **you have taken his wife to be your wife**, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon.

3. They watched their dad be judged for his choices

- 10 Now therefore, **the sword shall never depart from your house, because**

(1). You have **despised Me** (This is about his relationship with God)

(2). You have **taken the wife of Uriah** the Hittite to be your wife (**This is more than adultery**)

4. They watched their family turn on itself (Next Series: Fighting Emotional Blindness)

- 11 Thus says the Lord: 'Behold, **I will raise up adversity against you from your own house**; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and



he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.’ ”

- 13 So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

II. Passing Bedroom Blindness to Your Children (2 Samuel 13)

A. David's Children Had Blind Appetites

1. A Blind Brother With a Blind Appetite

- 13:1 **After this** Absalom the son of David had a lovely sister, whose name was Tamar; and **Amnon the son of David loved her**. 2 **Amnon was so distressed over his sister** Tamar that he became sick; for she was a virgin. And it was improper for Amnon to do anything to her.

2. A Blind Friend of a Blind Brother

- 3 But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David’s brother. Now Jonadab was a very crafty man. 4 And he said to him, “**Why are you, the king’s son, becoming thinner day after day?** Will you not tell me?” Amnon said to him, “**I love Tamar, my brother Absalom’s sister.**” (cp. Proverbs 13:20)

3. A Blind Plan for a Blind Parent (sometimes parents don't pay attention)

- 5 So Jonadab said to him, “Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And **when your father comes** to see you, say to him, ‘Please let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.’”

B. David's Family Paid an Incredible Price (2 Samuel 13:1-39)

Seven Startling Facts About David and His children

1. Tamar is assaulted by her brother
2. Tamar is forced to lose her dream
3. Amnon is said to now hate his sister
4. Tamar tears her virgin coat of many colors
5. Absalom her brother kills Amnon
6. David gets angry but does nothing (v21)
7. Absalom goes crazy and becomes emotionally unglued

Closing: What price has your family paid for it’s choices?

Final Week: Which Bedroom Blindness is Worse?

- This is the week where I will answer some tough questions about Bedroom Blindness. I have been sent some bold and wonderful questions you don't want to miss. Be sure to send your questions to pastor@overcomingbyfaith.org.