

# **RULES FOR RAISING A REBEL**

## **II Samuel 13-19**

**David demonstrates faulty fathering  
that resulted in raising a rebel son, Absalom.**

### **I. BE UNSYMPATHETIC (13:10-14:33)**

#### **A. DAVID'S WAYS**

1. Indifferent toward Tamar (13:10-21)
2. Stubborn toward Absalom (13:28 – 14:33)

#### **B. DAVID'S WEAKNESSES**

1. He was partial
2. He was passive
3. Both weaknesses violate principles of Col. 3:21

### **II. BE TOLERANT (15:1-18, 18:18)**

- Don't enforce rules or punish disobedience

#### **A. DAVID'S WAYS**

1. He tolerated Absalom's conspiracy (15:1-6)
2. He tolerated Absalom's kingdom (15:13-18)
3. He tolerated Absalom's corruption (18:18)

#### **B. DAVID'S WEAKNESSES**

1. He did not train his son - Prov. 22:6
2. He probably did not spank his son - Prov. 23:13-14
3. He did not instruct his son - Deut. 6:6-7

### III. **BE OVERPROTECTIVE** (18:5 – 19:7)

#### A. DAVID'S WAYS (18:5 – 19:7)

1. His command concerning Absalom (18:5)
2. His concern for Absalom (18:29, 32)
3. His condition because of Absalom (19:5-7)

#### B. DAVID'S WEAKNESSES

1. Wrong Priority: His rebel son over God's righteous people.
  - Prov. 29:15 indicates that a child who gets his own way brings shame.
2. Wrong Perspective: He is resistant to the rightful consequences of his son's corruption
  - See Gal. 6:7-8

### **CONCLUSION:**

**David is seeing the reality of the consequences of his own sin with Bathsheba.** (See II Sam. 12:10)  
 - God promised that as a result of David's heinous sin the sword would not depart from his house.

**David demonstrated faulty fathering by being unsympathetic, tolerant and overprotective;  
 all of which resulted in raising a rebel.**

- Are we raising a generation of rebels?
- Will we be faithful or faulty fathers?
- God help us to raise a righteous generation of godly children.