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# Never Enough Pleasure

Pleasure was meant to be the aroma of the King, not to take the place of the King.

- Pleasure was meant for good, but sin has distorted it.
- Discontentment leads to other sins.

## II Samuel 13:1-2 (NIV)

In the course of time, Amnon son of David fell in love with Tamar, the beautiful sister of Absalom son of David.<sup>2</sup> Amnon became so obsessed with his sister Tamar that he made himself ill. She was a virgin, and it seemed impossible for him to do anything to her.

- Pleasure will either be stewarded by you or it will <u>rule</u> you.
- God has a great plan for your life; if pleasure isn't stewarded well you will never get to God's <u>desired</u> destination for you. (II Samuel 13:3-5)
- Pleasure will never fully and finally satisfy you. (II Samuel 13:6-14)
- The pull of pleasure can lead us to trade best for now.

# I John 2:15-16 (ESV)

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

# II Samuel 13:15-17 (NIV)

Then Amnon hated her with intense hatred. In fact, he hated her more than he had loved her. Amnon said to her, "Get up and get out!" <sup>16</sup> "No!" she said to him. "Sending me away would be a greater wrong than what you have already done to me." But he refused to listen to her. <sup>17</sup> He called his personal servant and said, "Get this woman out of my sight and bolt the door after her."

- Sinful pleasure always over promises and under delivers.
- 'Never enough' pleasure makes objects out of people.

## II Samuel 13:18-19 (NIV)

So his servant put her out and bolted the door after her. She was wearing an ornate robe, for this was the kind of garment the virgin daughters of the king wore. <sup>19</sup> Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the ornate robe she was wearing. She put her hands on her head and went away, weeping aloud as she went.

• Discontentment perverts a good thing into a bad thing.

## II Samuel 13:20-22 (NIV)

Her brother Absalom said to her, "Has that Amnon, your brother, been with you? Be quiet for now, my sister; he is your brother. Don't take this thing to heart." And Tamar lived in her brother Absalom's house, a desolate woman.<sup>21</sup> When King David heard all this, he was furious.<sup>22</sup> And Absalom never said a word to Amnon, either good or bad; he hated Amnon because he had disgraced his sister Tamar.

- Discontentment and an unhealthy pursuit of pleasure hurts us and others.
- Whatever sinful pleasure promises cannot compare to what God <u>delivers</u>. (Colossians 3:1-11)

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