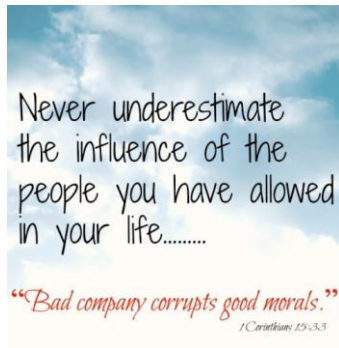


# THE GOOD NEWS

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## BREAD OF LIFE



### ‘WHO ARE YOU FRIEND REQUESTING’

Message by Pastor Isaac Friedel  
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2 Samuel 13:1-4, 12, 14

After this Absalom the son of David had a lovely sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother. Now Jonadab was a very crafty man. <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>12</sup> But she answered him, "No, my brother, do not force me, for no such thing should be done in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful thing!..." <sup>14</sup> However, he would not heed her voice; and being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NLT)

Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character."

There are currently 1.86 billion users on Facebook. On average each Facebook user has 328 friends, and send 12 friend requests every month. Not everyone wants to be your friend. We all have used Facebook in good ways, but also in ways to get some 'not so good' ways as an emotional cry for attention.

There is such an importance in those you associate with, they will dictate the life you live... here are some quotes to live by:

"Associate yourself with people of good quality, for it is better to be alone than in bad company." Booker T. Washington

"You become like the five people you spend your most time with."

"Surround yourself with only those people who are going to lift you higher."

Who are you surrounding yourself with? Amnon was the son of a king and he was a young man who was going through a lot of things young men go through today. But it's how you control those desires that is important. Desires are normal, but don't take a good thing and turn it into an evil thing.

A lot of us allow Satan to fill our mind with weeds and bad thoughts. How you respond to that will determine your destiny. Wait for your man or woman, don't compromise, be patient and wait on the Lord. Find your mate in the King's house.

Where Amnon went wrong:

1. He stuffed the struggle inside. We have a tendency to stuff things on the inside of us. On the inside, we're hurting and

struggling. Satan plants weeds in our minds and we water that instead of the 'seed' of the Word of God in our lives. *Romans 12:2-12* And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. You get discouraged because you still have those thoughts and desires that haven't gone away yet, but just keep praying, keep praising, keep coming to church, keep reading God's Word. It's a renewing of the mind...it's a process – it doesn't happen overnight. Amnon kept dwelling on those lustful thoughts and they filled his heart and mind with weeds. Be careful what you allow in your eyes and ears because you're watering the weeds. When you get filled with the Word, the promises of God will come out of your mouth and you can resist those thoughts.

2. Be careful who you share your inner struggles with because not everyone is your friend. Get your inner circle of people that you trust and share with them...a good Christian brother or sister. *Verse 3* But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother. Don't share what you're going through with just anyone. *Proverbs 13:20* He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed... *2* *Corinthians 6:14* Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what

communion has light with darkness?... Proverbs 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend [who corrects out of love and concern], But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful [because they serve his hidden agenda]. If Jonadab were a good friend, he would have altered the outcome of this story. The person who encourages you to do something you shouldn't, is not your friend. Choose your friends wisely. Don't be so desperate for companionship that you choose the wrong friends. You are a child of the Most High God - protect the treasure that is inside you. Psalm 16:11 *You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.* Pleasures that will not disappoint you. Pleasures to get you up with purpose every day. You need to surround yourself with people who will point you to Jesus when you're struggling.

3. Shame became greater than the sin. 2 Samuel 13:15 *Then Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Arise, be gone!" Amnon hated his sister more than he loved her. Because it's always what happens after that is more painful and hurtful than the actual act itself. It's the shame, guilt, cover up and lies that ends up destroying you. Satan is setting you up for a bigger fall. The Bible says in 2 Samuel 13:28 *Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, "Watch now, when Amnon's heart is merry with**

wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon!' then kill him. Do not be afraid. Have I not commanded you? Be courageous and valiant." Satan our adversary gets you intoxicated and weak and tries to crush and destroy you. He roams about as a roaring lion. But when you are broken and in trouble, if you just call on the name of the Lord, the Good Shepherd will come running. He defeated Satan on Calvary.

4. BUT SOMEHOW. There is redemption in the Name of Jesus! Tamar's names comes up in the genealogy of Jesus...He gets the glory for every messy situation. *Philippians 3:10-11 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, <sup>11</sup> if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.* We expect God to come in one way, and He comes another, and when all is said and done Jesus will get the glory somehow.

This was a direct message to you from God to get away from those friends that you are hanging around. What you carry inside you is so precious you cannot afford to waste it staying around those people any longer.



### Song List from May 28<sup>th</sup>

"Great Things (Worth it All)", Elevation Worship  
 "Fill Me Up", Jesus Culture  
 "O Come to the Altar", Elevation Worship  
 "God Bless the USA", Lee Greenwood  
 "Do It Again", Elevation Worship

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