



DGM Message Summary: All Hair but No Heart

Theme: God's Healing Power

Message Summary: As parents, it's our job to mold, discipline, and develop our children. We prepare and equip them to be who God has called them to be. None of us are perfect parents, and we will mess up, but when we do, it's important to admit our wrongdoing to God. Then trust Him to mend the broken pieces even if your children have rebelled against you. Remember, it's never too late for peace and restoration for you or your children when God is involved.

Scripture References:

- 2 Samuel 14:21 – 16:20

Key Points:

- 2 Samuel 14:21 – Even though David was a disengaged dad, a father's love remains.
- Sometimes our children become something we didn't expect, but love remains to mend.
- David is hesitant to allow Absalom to return.
 - He is torn between correcting his errors as a father and being a strong king.
- David puts Absalom under house arrest but refuses to allow any contact.
 - These are further half measures.
- Absalom is legally his son, but there is no fellowship.
- Passion without principle is a dangerous mix.
- Absalom is cute, but he has no character.
- He appears perfect on the outside but has no heart.
- Since Joab will not come to Absalom, he directs his men to burn Joab's fields.
 - If he couldn't get positive attention, he seeks negative attention.
- David concedes to see Absalom.
 - David's attempt to correct him is overdue.
 - When you miss your season to discipline, it's tough to get it back.
- Reconciliation without repentance is dangerous.
- We must forgive, but to allow someone back into intimate relationship without repentance is unwise and reveals that both have an issue.
- Absalom has the charisma and potential to be a great leader.
- Absalom insinuates that David's leadership is insufficient.
 - Judge by the gates.

- “If only I were judge...
- V. 6 – Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.
- If you wait until the trumpet sounds, it’s too late.
 - If you wait until there is an obvious problem with your kids, it’s too late.
- Many of us only look at the hair and chariots of our leaders.
- Absalom knew all the angles.
 - Recruited Ahithophel – Bathsheba’s grandfather – respected counselor
- David’s first defeat was with his son.
- The area he didn’t tend to overthrow his reign.
- What you do will impact everyone who loves you.
- David’s sins were sexual and so were his sons.
 - Amnon raped his sister.
 - Absalom rapes his step-mothers.
- Absalom pitches tent on roof of the house and “went into the concubines in the sight of all of Israel.”
 - What David did in private came back in a very public way.
- 20/80 rule – Don’t throw the 80% good away because of the 20 % bad.
- 2 Samuel 15:30 – David went up weeping to the Mount of Olives.
 - He was officially broken – no crown, no shoes.
 - All of the men went weeping with him.
- God wants to mend our broken lives, but first we have to give Him our broken pieces.