

# BUT AMNON HAD A FRIEND

## PROVERBS 17:17 & 2 SAMUEL 13

Text: Proverbs 17:17

### **Proverbs 17:17**

<sup>17</sup> A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Introduction:

1. Amnon's Desire
2. Jonadab's Directions
3. Tamar's Defilement
4. Absalom Displeasure
5. Amnon's Death

## **1. AMNON'S RESTRAINT THE KEPT HIM FROM SINNING**

A. Amnon Had A Reputation

1. Amnon was the King's son.

2. He was well favored.
3. He had all the silver and gold he could ever want.
4. He was royalty.
5. He was a prince!
6. When Amnon considered his reputation, it stopped him from sinning

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#### **B. Amnon Was Educated**

1. He knew the law.
2. He knew the Word of God.
3. His own father, King David, had penned these words, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking thereto according to thy Word." (Ps.119:9)
4. Amnon had an education in God's Word and it had kept him from sinning.
5. Because he knew God's word, it was hard for him to do anything to his sister.

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### C. Amnon Had A Conscience

#### **2 Samuel 13:2**

<sup>2</sup> And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she *was* a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

1. He had never done anything like this before.
2. He was not the type do such perverted things.
3. His conscience had stopped him and prevented him from sinning in the past.
4. When verse 2 says he thought it hard to do anything to Tamar, that was his conscience.
5. His conscience would have stopped him this time too but:

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Due to the influence of Amnon's friend, Amnon raped his own sister and brought shame on himself, on his sister, and on his whole family.

## 2. AMNON'S RESULTS OF HIS SINNING

### A. The Results On Tamar

#### **2 Samuel 13:20**

<sup>20</sup> And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he *is* thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

1. Verse 20 tells us, "So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house."
2. She never fell in love.
3. She never had normal affections for a man.
4. She never had children.
5. She was emotionally scarred for the rest of her life.
6. Her life was ruined

This wasn't supposed to happen to her, "BUT AMNON HAD A FRIEND!"

## B. The Results On Absalom

1. Absalom was Tamar's brother.
2. Absalom was destined to ascend to the throne of his father, King David.
3. Absalom was a wise judge who served under his father the King.
4. But, Absalom burned with hatred towards his brother Amnon for sinning against his sister.
5. Absalom devised a plan to get his revenge.
6. He had a party and invited Amnon.
7. There he killed Amnon, then he fled from the possible wrath of his own father, King David.
8. From then on, Absalom, (who would have been king) was now a rebel!

Absalom was destined for much better things, BUT  
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## Lessons

Amnon's Friend didn't help him but hurt him.

What Kind of Friends Do You Have

### **Proverbs 13:20**

<sup>20</sup> He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

- Go To One Who Is On Drugs

Find someone standing on the corner and see the red marks up and down his or her arms from doing drugs.

Ask them, "When did you first start doing drugs?"

Most will say, "When I was in high school, I had this friend..."

They never would have started doing drugs, BUT THEY HAD A FRIEND!

- Go To One Who Is An Alcoholic or a Drunkard

You see an individual staggering down the street or weaving in traffic, or who has had an accident because of the results of alcohol.

You ask them “When did you take your first drink, and many will say “Back in Jr. High or Middle School I had this friend.”

Show me your friends and I’ll show you your future.

Show me your friends and I’ll show you your spiritual direction.

Show me your friends and I’ll show you what habits you will soon have.

Those that we associate with can either help draw us closer to the Lord or drive us further away.

**Amos 3:3**

<sup>3</sup> Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

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**Proverbs 28:7**

<sup>7</sup> Whoso keepeth the law *is* a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous *men* shameth his father.

**Proverbs 29:3**

<sup>3</sup> Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth *his* substance.

**Matthew 12:33**

<sup>33</sup> Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by *his* fruit.

Birds of a feather flock together

Some Friends Give Poor Counsel

- Amnon's Friend Was a Mature Man

Jonadab was older than Amnon.

Jonadab was a mature man.

It would seem that Jonadab would give good counsel to Amnon.

But, Jonadab wasn't interested in helping Amnon to remain pure.

Jonadab was more interested in pleasing Amnon than in truly helping Amnon.

Jonadab counseled Amnon to fulfill the lust of the flesh when he should have been helping him control such lust.

Jonadab could have spoken a word of caution, but he spoke a message of perversion.



## Bad Associations Often

Lead to Wrong Desires

Give Bad Directions

Leads to Lack of Discernment

Often Results in Defilement

Leads to Divisions among Family and Friends

Destroys Our Testimony

Can Lead to Death

## We Need Friends Who Will:

Encourage Us To Do Right

Pray For Us

Who Will Remind Us What the Bible Says

Who Act Like a Christian Should Act

## Our Best Friend Is Jesus

- THEY BEAT HIM

They beat him until the skin ripped off of his back!

- THEY PUT A CROWN OF THORNS ON HIS HEAD

They used branches from a Russian Olive tree with those long thorns to make him a crown.

Then they drove it down onto his head forcing those thorns into his scalp.

- THEY FORCED HIM TO CARRY AN OLD RUGGED CROSS

They forced him to carry his own tool of death.

When he fell beneath the load, they had Simon the Cyrenean carry it for him.

- THEY CRUCIFIED HIM ON THAT CROSS

They stretched out His sinless hands and drove huge nails through his flesh and into the timbers.

- THEY PIERCED HIS SIDE

After he had hung on that cross bleeding in shame as a spectacle to the city of Jerusalem.

A soldier drove a spear into His side and pierced his heart.

- HE SUFFERED BECAUSE HE IS MY FRIEND

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear

What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations, Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer!