

Relationship Rescue

2 Samuel 13 (pg. 280)

So many of us pull away because we never learned the skills we need to navigate difficult relationships.

Amnon was the crown prince to follow King David. Inflated with pride and lust, things became incredibly ugly within the family.

Five Phrases That Will Save the Kingdom:

A. I Am Sorry 13:21

I care about how this impacts you.

B. I Was Wrong 13:22

Princes are not typically known for their humility.
Philippians 2:3-5

C. Please Forgive Me 13:15-19

That's the heart of Christianity.

Forgiveness is a choice based on Christ's command and the value of the relationship.

D. I Don't Want to Hurt You 13:23-29

It's no guarantee, but it is my genuine desire to earn your trust.

E. I Love You 13:38-39; 14:28

Love is the commitment to seek and to see the best in another.

Application:

King David, Absalom & Amnon provide a case study in how to destroy relationships. These five phrases could have saved the kingdom.

How are the relationships in your kingdom? Carefully consider the weight of each of these phrases and—by God's Spirit—use them to strengthen healthy relationships and rescue fractured ones.