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Connected to Christ!

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**Text:** 2 Samuel 13:38-39; 14:14, 23-28; 15:7a, 37

*“Jesus won’t allow the unreconciled condition to continue among believers. In Matthew 5, if another considers you to have wronged him, Jesus says that you must go. In Matthew 18, He says that if the other person has done something wrong to you, you must go. There is never a time when you can sit and wait for your brother to come to you. Jesus doesn’t allow for that. He gives no opportunity for that. It is always your obligation to go.”*

Jay Adams

\*One thing is strikingly clear: There needed to be reconciliation! It was available; it was possible - but it laid dormant. Why? David held love for his son, but his silent attitude of inner turmoil restricted him.

**1 - David brought Absalom close, but not close enough.**

**2 Samuel 14:24**

- Why do we keep people at arm’s length when our association with Christ is the very opposite?

When people are hurting, they often respond in one of these three ways:

1. Avoidance,
2. Control, or
3. Revenge.

All three, destroy goodness, reconciliation, and fight against the purpose that God is intending through His allowance of it.

**2 - When God “forced” the meeting, David let stoicism take over because of his emotional vulnerability. 2 Samuel 14:33**

Oxford Dictionary describes *stoicism* as *the endurance of pain or hardship without the display of feelings and without complaint.*

After no emotional response from David, Absalom began to sow discord against his father.

Absalom vents his hurt to by-standers through his advice:

1. No man listens to you on the part of the king. (2 Samuel 15:3)
2. I would be available! (2 Samuel 15:4)
3. If someone bowed down, I would raise them up and kiss them. (2 Samuel 15:5)
  - Absalom had this very experience with his dad (2 Samuel 14:33)

Because David was *slow* to receive his son, Absalom had two years to break down and grow animosity and resentment!

- Especially with our children, the more time we wait to reconcile, the greater the gap becomes!

David never reconnected with Absalom! He did not bridge the gap.

### **3 - David was too late, once tragedy hit!**

**2 Samuel 18:33**

- David's love for his son, as a father, would have traded place with a wicked son such as Absalom, who was looking to take David's life.
- All this was only out of regret!

\*The non-reconciliatory silent attitude kept David relationally (in his family) complacent!

- This will always bring regret (ALWAYS).

David's "*O, Absalom*" account was because he was facing remorse and parental guilt. David avoided Absalom for two years (2 Samuel 14:28) whilst they lived in the same city.

How often we cry when it is too late!

1. Now is the day of restoration.
2. Now is the day to release grudges.
3. Now is the day to make amends.
4. Now is the day to say aloud, "*son/daughter, I love you!*"
5. Now is the day to forgive and restore a wayward child.
6. Now is the day to bring that broken relationship from the neighborhood back into the house.
7. Now is the day for tears and conversations!

### **How to bridge the gap in reconciliation:**

1. If you are hurting because of an offense and you desire connection, the responsibility lies with you. The desire to reconnect is the voice of the Holy Spirit prompting you to make the connection.

2. Reject warm emotional expectations.  
Obedience to forgive and release the offense  
is greater than the feelings of hearing an,  
*"I'm sorry too."*
3. Pray and jump. Prayer gets your faith ready.  
Action is our faith in movement. Without  
action, we actually weaken our faith.
4. Take the high road! This actually means,  
take the humility road. Even if you are  
right, move to a place of humility.

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## GrowthPoint

Read Matthew 5:1-12, and pray through each of  
the Beatitudes. Release every type of hurt with  
each Beatitude you put into practice.

Which one speaks most to me? \_\_\_\_\_

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What hurt do I need to release? \_\_\_\_\_

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What action will I put in to place this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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