

# Notes & Quotes – May 10, 2009

## David & Absalom (pt. 2)

### 2 Samuel 13-18

**usurping spirit** = seeks to undermine authority by means of manipulation for the purpose of control (usually involves forming alliances)

**passive spirit** = a shrinking back from doing what needs to be done, when it needs to be done, in the manner its supposed to be done in

“Most men and women grow up with an emptiness inside of them. Call it father hunger, call it male deprivation, call it personal insecurity, it’s the same emptiness. When positive masculine energy, an energy that can be trusted and relied upon, is not shared from father to son, from father to daughter, it creates a vacuum in the soul. And into that vacuum demons rush – demons of self-doubt, fear, mistrust, cynicism and rage.” – Richard Rohr

#### Three examples of passivity in David’s life & leadership...

##### **Ex. 1 – Lack of response to Tamar’s rape (2 Samuel 13:21-24)**

- Amnon (David’s first born son rapes his half-sister, Tamar)
- Tamar seeks refuge in her brother Absalom’s house
- Absalom waits for his father to do what father’s do when daughters are devastated
- Two full years pass...David apparently did nothing
- Absalom (warrior), David (king)...a warrior without a king is a loose cannon
- Absalom has Amnon murdered (i.e. loose cannon)
- submissive warriors & good kings (both are needed)

##### **Ex. 2 – Absalom’s exile to Geshur (2 Samuel 13:37-39)**

- Geshur is approx. 100 miles NE of Jerusalem, just east of the Sea of Galilee
- David felt rage at Tamar’s rape
- David mourned at Absalom’s exile
- Yet, he did “nothing” (for 3 years)

##### **Ex. 3 – Absalom’s return to Jerusalem, yet not to his father (2 Samuel 14:23-31)**

- David is persuaded to let Absalom return to Jerusalem
- Absalom returns but is not allowed to see the face of the king for 2 more years
- in an attempt to get his dad’s attention, Absalom set Joab’s fields on fire

#### Fingerprints of a passive spirit...

- presses you to live in the shadow of your past
  - your history becomes the grounds of your identity
- fails to look up and see more
  - Numbers 13 (spies scouting out the land, 10 shrink back, 2 look up and see more)

- is casual in response to God's word
  - James 1:22-24
  - transformation takes place at the intersection of *our participation & God's intervention*
- has a root of fear
  - a fear of what you don't see and can't control

### As a Christian I am...

- ... **chosen** (*Matthew 22:14; 1 Peter 2:4*)
- ... **called** (*1 Thessalonians 5:24*)
- ... **reconciled to God** (*Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:20*)
- ... **redeemed by God** (*Romans 3:24; Colossians 1:14; 1 Peter 1:18*)
- ... **born again spiritually** (*John 3:7; 1 Peter 1:23*)
- ... **regenerated** (*John 13:10; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:5*)
- ... **made righteous** (*1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 3:22; Philippians 3:9*)
- ... **justified** (*Acts 13:39; Romans 3:26; 5:1; 8:30; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:7*)
- ... **adopted** (*Romans 8:15, 23*)
- ... **sanctified** (*1 Corinthians 1:30; 6:11*)
- ... **forgiven** (*Acts 10:43; Romans 4:25; Colossians 1:14; 2:13; Ephesians 1:7, 4:32, 1 Peter 2:24*)
- ... **accepted** (*Ephesians 1:6; 1 Peter 2:5*)
- ... **crucified with Christ** (*Romans 6:6-8; Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:24*)
- ... **buried with Christ** (*Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12*)
- ... **raised with Christ** (*Romans 6:4; Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 3:1*)
- ... **born of the Spirit** (*John 3:6*)
- ... **baptized with the Spirit** (*1 Corinthians 10:17; 12:13*)
- ... **indwelt by the Spirit** (*John 7:39; Romans 5:5; 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Galatians 4:6*)
- ... **sealed by the Spirit** (*John 7:39; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians. 1:13; 4:30*)
- ... **in God** (*1 Thessalonians 1:1*)
- ... **in Christ** (*John 14:20*)
- ... **in the Spirit** (*Romans 8:9*)
- ... **dead to the law** (*Romans 7:4*)
- ... **delivered from the law** (*Romans 6:14; 7:6; 2 Corinthians 3:11; Galatians 3:25*)
- ... **rescued from the dominion of darkness** (*Colossians 1:13; 2:13-15*)
- ... **a child of God** (*2 Corinthians 6:18; Galatians 3:26; 1 John 3:3*)
- ... **a new creation** (*2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15*)
- ... **a member of His Body** (*1 Corinthians 12:13*)
- ... **a part of His Bride** (*Ephesians 5:25-27*)
- ... **a saint** (*1 Peter 2:9*)
- ... **His inheritance** (*Ephesians 1:18*)
- ... **a heavenly citizen** (*Luke 10:20; Ephesians 2:19; Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 12:22*)
- ... **an ambassador for Christ** (*2 Corinthians 5:20*)
- ... **light in the Lord** (*Ephesians 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:4*)