

SCANDALOUS

(1) Skeletons In The Closet

BIG IDEA...

HOW DO I HANDLE THE “SCANDALOUS” MOMENTS OF MY LIFE?

**WHAT YOU AND I DO WITH THOSE “SKELETONS IN OUR CLOSET”...
WILL CHANGE OUR LIVES... FOREVER!**

**THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE TO PUT OUR SKELETONS...
IS IN THE CLOSET!**

2 Samuel 13:7-14...

David sent word to Tamar at the palace: “Go to the house of your brother Amnon and prepare some food for him.” 8 So Tamar went to the house of her brother Amnon, who was lying down. She took some dough, kneaded it, made the bread in his sight and baked it. 9 Then she took the pan and served him the bread, but he refused to eat. “Send everyone out of here,” Amnon said. So everyone left him. 10 Then Amnon said to Tamar, “Bring the food here into my bedroom so I may eat from your hand.” And Tamar took the bread she had prepared and brought it to her brother Amnon in his bedroom. 11 But when she took it to him to eat, he grabbed her and said, “Come to bed with me, my sister.” 12 “Don’t, my brother!” she said to him. “Don’t force me. Such a thing should not be done in Israel! Don’t do this wicked thing. 13 What about me? Where could I get rid of my disgrace? And what about you? You would be like one of the wicked fools in Israel. Please speak to the king; he will not keep me from being married to you.” 14 But he refused to listen to her, and since he was stronger than she, he raped her.

**Vs 15... Then Amnon hated her with intense hatred.
In fact, he hated her more than he had loved her.**

Vss 15-17... Amnon said to her, “Get up and get out!” 16 “No!” she said to him. “Sending me away would be a greater wrong than what you have already done to me.” But he refused to listen to her. 17 He called his personal servant and said, “Get this woman out of here and bolt the door after her.”

Vss 21... When King David heard all this, he was furious.

WHY IS HE PARALYZED IN THIS MOMENT?

**Vs 22... Absalom never said a word to Amnon, either good or bad;
he hated Amnon because he had disgraced his sister Tamar.**

**THE “DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM”
WAS NEVER HIS PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH!**

SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET... DON’T GO AWAY!

**YOU AND I BEING OK WITH GOD – ISN’T ENOUGH...
IF WE STILL HAVE A SKELETON IN THE CLOSET!**

Matthew 5:23-24...

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar.

First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

GO BACK AND MAKE IT RIGHT!

GO BACK AND SAY... "I DID IT!!"

If God seems to be DISTANT with you in your Relationship with Him...

It's not because of HIM – it's because of YOU!

WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THE SKELETONS IN OUR CLOSETS...?

1. MAKE IT RIGHT WITH HIM!

2. MAKE IT RIGHT WITH THOSE YOU HAVE WRONGED!

ASKING is the FIRST STEP!

ACTING is the SECOND STEP!