





2 Samuel 13:1-22

Three Questions About this Terrible Story



- 2. What happened?
- 3. How did we get here?



Who's Involved?



What Happened?



We use a most unfortunate idiom when we say, of a lustful man prowling the streets, that he "wants a woman." Strictly speaking, a woman is just what he does not want. He wants a pleasure for which a woman happens to be the necessary piece of apparatus. How much he cares about the woman as such may be gauged by his attitude to her five minutes after fruition (one does not keep the carton after one has smoked the cigarettes).

C.S. Lewis



To Victims of Sexual Assault and/or Domestic Abuse:

You need not "be quiet about it." Please tell somebody.



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What Happened?



How did we get here?







This story is here to show us that these sons cannot be the promised "Son of David."

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.

Luke 1:31-33



This story calls us to face, with God's grace, the ripple effect in our own families

Of course parents' sins are visited on their children, just like parents' blessings. We are shaped by our parents' characters, lives, actions, failures, strengths, and weaknesses.

This does not mean we can never become anything else. People do fail to realize the potential that lay in who their parents are and in what they could give them, and they do decline to be bound by what their parents are and by what they could give them....

Every generation stands afresh before God, responsible for its destiny. But the way your parents have behaved and the models they have set before you and the balls they have set rolling determine the parameters within which you do that, and they make it easier or harder for you to walk the right way.

John Goldingay



The kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death. Just see what this godly sorrow produced in you! Such earnestness, such concern to clear yourselves, such indignation, such alarm...such zeal, and such a readiness to punish wrong.

2 Cor. 7:10-11

Distress that drives us to God does that. It turns us around. It gets us back in the way of salvation. We never regret that kind of pain. But those who let distress drive them away from God are full of regrets, end up on a deathbed of regrets.

2 Cor. 7: 10 (MSG)

