

DESPERATE FOR GOD TO MOVE

Today, we're continuing our sermon series called "Desperate for God to Move," exploring how people in Scripture sought God in difficult situations. Today's topic gets deeply personal as we address the painful experience of betrayal. Betrayal, especially from those closest to us, can be devastating and paralyzing. Many have experienced this within their own families, where trust was shattered. As we examine the story of King David and his betrayal by his son Absalom, we aim to move toward healing in the face of such deep hurt.

Key Passage: 2 Samuel 13-19

Discussion Questions:

1. Why does betrayal cut so deeply, especially from within a family, as seen in David's story?
2. What role does brokenness play in the cycle of sin within David's family?
3. In what ways did Absalom's pride contribute to his betrayal of David? How does this reflect a broader principle about pride and betrayal?
4. What can we learn from David's response to betrayal, particularly in his treatment of Absalom and others who betrayed him?
5. What lessons about leadership and humility can we draw from the contrast between David and Absalom?
6. How does the theme of forgiveness appear in the story of David and Absalom? How does it challenge common reactions to betrayal?
7. What role does pride play in our own experiences of betrayal, and how can we guard against it in our relationships?
8. How does David's grief over Absalom's death demonstrate the complexity of relationships, especially when betrayal is involved?
9. What practical steps can we take to break cycles of brokenness in our families, as David failed to do with his children?
10. What about this study has challenged you most? What's your biggest takeaway?