

1. **Attraction** ➡ 2 Sam 13:1 Amnon son of David fell in love (=became physically/sexually attracted to someone) with Tamar, the beautiful sister of Absalom son of David.
2. **Infatuation** ➡ 2 Sam 13:2 Amnon became so obsessed (=to have a shallow, unreasonable, or extravagant passion for someone that caused you to be frustrated, vexed, or stressed out) with his sister Tamar that he made himself ill. She was a virgin, and it seemed impossible for him to do anything to her (=get his hands on her).
3. **Consultation** ➡ 2 Sam 13:3 Amnon had an adviser named Jonadab son of Shimeah, David's brother. Jonadab was a very shrewd (=cunning, crafty, scheming) man.
4. **Manipulation** ➡ 2 Sam 13:6 Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill. When the king came to see him, Amnon said to him, "I would like my sister Tamar to come and make some special bread in my sight, so I may eat from her hand." *Manipulation = To deceive, trick, mislead, scam, seduce, string along, suck in, lure.*
5. **Isolation** ➡ 2 Sam 13:9-11 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. 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. But when she took it to him to eat, he grabbed her and said, "Come to bed with me, my sister."
6. **Domination** ➡ 2 Sam 13:12-14 "No, 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. <sup>13</sup>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." **But he refused to listen to her...**
7. **Violation** ➡ 2 Sam 13:14 Since he was stronger than she, he raped her.
8. **Rejection** ➡ 2 Sam 13:15-17 Then Amnon hated her with intense hatred. In fact, he hated her more than he had loved her. Amnon said to her, "Get up and get out!" "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. He called his personal servant and said, "Get this woman out of my sight and bolt the door after her."
9. **Devastation** ➡ 2 Sam 13:19-20 Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the ornate robe she was wearing. She put her hands on her head and went away, weeping aloud as she went...And Tamar lived in her brother Absalom's house, a desolate woman.
10. **Retribution** ➡ 2 Sam 13:23,28-29 Two years later...Absalom ordered his men, "Listen! When Amnon is in high spirits from drinking wine and I say to you, 'Strike Amnon down,' then kill him...So Absalom's men did to Amnon what Absalom had ordered.

#### **Table Talk Group Discussion Questions**

1. *Everyone to answer* - What was a favorite activity you did in your grade school or jr/mid school years?

*Next questions have 2-4 people answer each one -- but everyone should contribute in the discussions! ☺*

2. Did you ever have a pre-teen childhood crush on someone you knew in your class or a famous person? What was their name?
3. Have you ever heard anyone teach on this true story before? If no, why do you think most pastors wouldn't teach or preach about this story?
4. Which point in the message did you personally find most helpful? Why?
5. If this passage were taught in your church, how do you think it could help the teenagers, college-age, career-age singles, or single-again people in your church?
6. What are your thoughts about the 9-Phases of the "Friends with Boundaries"? How could this help you in the future?
7. If you've been coming to this group more than once, why or how has this group been helpful to you in this season of your life?