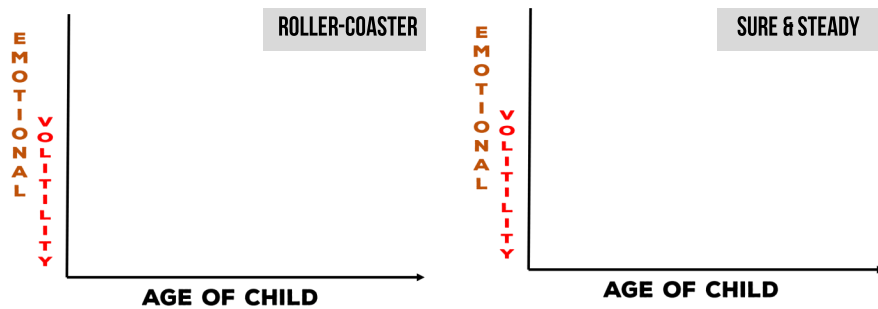


ABSALOM CONSPIRACY 2 SAMUEL 13-18

SERMON STUDY & HOME FELLOWSHIP GUIDE

(1) How to R_____ a R_____ Child

- Don't P_____ what You P_____
- Don't C_____ wrong B_____
- Don't C_____ on an I_____ Level
- Don't R_____ when H_____



(2) How to B_____ a R_____ Child

- B_____ your true I_____
- B_____ & B_____ Parental Authority
- D_____ & D_____ your Family's Reputation

WOULD I HAVE DIED INSTEAD OF YOU!

GLORY DAYS

On a difficulty scale of 1 to 10, how would you assess the job of raising children? _____ What are some of the secrets to having a perfect child & a rotten child? _____ Have you ever noticed how ruining is easier than raising? _____

1. **Cycle of Death in the Family:** Before we look at some of the tragic happenings in David's family, let's look back at the root cause of all this death which is found in 2 Samuel 12:7-14. From verse 9 where does the death spiral begin? _____ What was God's promises in verse 10-12? _____ How are they fulfilled based on the following verses:
 - 2 Samuel 13:27-30 - _____
 - 2 Samuel 16:20-22 - _____
 - 2 Samuel 18:9-16 - _____
2. **Makings of a Rotten Dad:** David was a wonderful man, but a horrible father. Would you be happy with a famous life if you lost your family on the way to fame? _____ Here are some definite ways to ruin your children:
 1. **Don't Practice what you Preach:** David wrote Psalm 119:9-10 and yet he broke Deut. 5:18. What do they say? _____
 2. **Don't Confront Wrong Behavior:** How does 1 Kings 1:6 describe David's parenting style? _____ (ie: 2 Sam. 13:6-14).
 3. **Don't Communicate Intimately:** How did David treat his son Absalom in 2 Samuel 14:21-28? _____
 4. **Don't Reconcile when Offended:** How did David deal with Absalom's murder of Amnon in 2 Samuel 14:33? _____
3. **Makings of a Rotten Son:** How honest was Absalom to David in 2 Samuel 14:33-15:6? _____ How do you think David felt when he heard about what his son did in 16:22? _____ When Absalom died how did David feel in 18:33? _____ How does this resemble God's heart toward us? _____