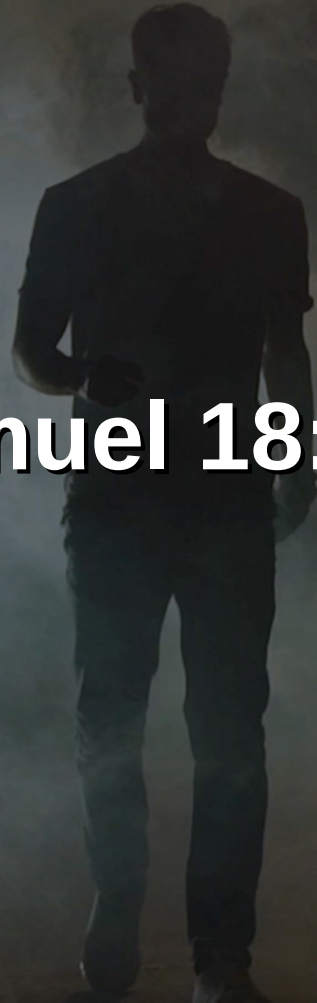


“IS THE YOUNG MAN ABSALOM SAFE?”

II Samuel 18:29



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Our text demonstrates the concern of a parent for a child even when that child has repeatedly mistreated the parent and behaved badly.

Consider just a few of the examples:

- This son was a murderer.**
- This son dealt hypocritically with his father.**
- This son rebelled against his father.**

Yet, David said “Deal gently for my sake with the young man.” (18:5)

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**DAVID’S INTEREST IN ABSALOM CAME
TOO LATE.**

David should have thought about that question when he was selecting a mother for him.

- **His mother was Maacah, daughter of Talmai, King of Geshur (II Sam. 3:3)**
- **She belonged to a heathen people.**
- **David violated God’s law in marrying her (Deut. 7:1-8) and was prompted by political ambition.**

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**DAVID’S INTEREST IN ABSALOM CAME
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**David should have thought about that question
when looking on Bathsheba with lust.**

- **No young man is safe when his father is engaged in matters of this kind!**
- **No wonder Absalom was deceitful.**
- **Your child is not likely to find a Father in God unless he finds something of God in his father.**

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**DAVID’S INTEREST IN ABSALOM CAME
TOO LATE.**

- **David should have thought about that question when he consider the training Absalom should have received.**
- **There isn’t the least bit of evidence that David gave time and attention to training Absalom.**
- **Like many people, David’s time was monopolized by the affairs of state...not family.**

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**DAVID’S INTEREST IN ABSALOM CAME
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- **David should have thought about that question when he consider the training Absalom should have received.**
 - **A little boy summed it up perfectly, “Parents are just babysitters for God.”**
 - **Eph. 6:4**
 - **No example of discipline is given.**



“IS THE YOUNG MAN ABSALOM SAFE?”

Was the young man Absalom safe?

– NOT AT ALL!!!!

- **How could he be? He had rebelled against God’s anointed.**
- **How can any boys or girls who rebel against God’s anointed be safe?**
- **Nothing could be done now for Absalom.**
- **Is your child safe?**

“IS THE YOUNG MAN ABSALOM SAFE?”

Is your child safe as long as:

– You are not giving him/her the advantage of a Christian example?

– You fail to train him/her in the way of the Lord.

– Religion occupies a secondary place in your home.

• Youth ministers and preachers can't work miracles.