

After this Absalom the son of David had a lovely sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. ² Amnon was so distressed over his sister Tamar that he became sick; for she was a virgin. And it was improper for Amnon to do anything to her.

2 Samuel 13:1-2

...But Amnon had a friend

Choose your friends wisely

- ✓ Job's wife (Job 2:9)
 - In tough times had no spiritual strength or wisdom
- ✓ Hirah (Genesis 38:12)
 - Stood by silently while his friend sinned
- ✓ Doeg (I Samuel 22)
 - Couldn't say no at a critical time
- ✓ Haaman's friends (Esther 5:9-14)
 - Bad advice that came back to hurt him

Choose your friends wisely

- ✓ Abigail (1 Samuel 25)
 - Her prudence saved David from making a huge mistake
- ✓ Naaman's friends (2 Kings 5:6-14)
 - Helped prevent his pride from keeping him from obedience
- ✓ Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:19-28)
 - Cared enough to intercede for his sake

...But Amnon had a friend

“But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David’s brother. Now Jonadab was a very crafty man. ⁴ And he said to him, “Why are you, the king’s son, becoming thinner day after day? Will you not tell me?” Amnon said to him, “I love Tamar, my brother Absalom’s sister.”

⁵ So Jonadab said to him, “Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, ‘Please let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.’ ”

2 Samuel 13:3-5

...But Amnon had a friend

Then Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Arise, be gone!"

2 Samuel 13:15

