



**Adult Sunday
School at the
sanctuary**


Lesson-13: Amnon
and Tamar

Date:
2 Oct 2022
(Sunday)

Time: 9.40am

Venue: Sanctuary

(1)Background: God sent Nathan to rebuke David for his sin of murder and adultery.



David's Chastening
Read 2 Samuel 13 - 19

— “ —

The sword shall never
depart from your
house, because you
have despised Me.

— ” —

<https://heartofashepherd.com/2020/05/18/the-sword-shall-never-depart-2-samuel-19-21/>

(2) In the course of time, Amnon fell in love with Tamar.

(3) David's wives and sons in next slide.

David

Ahinoam

Maacah

Haggith

Bathsheba

Other
wives

Amnon

Absalom

Tamar
(daughter)

Adonijah

Solomon

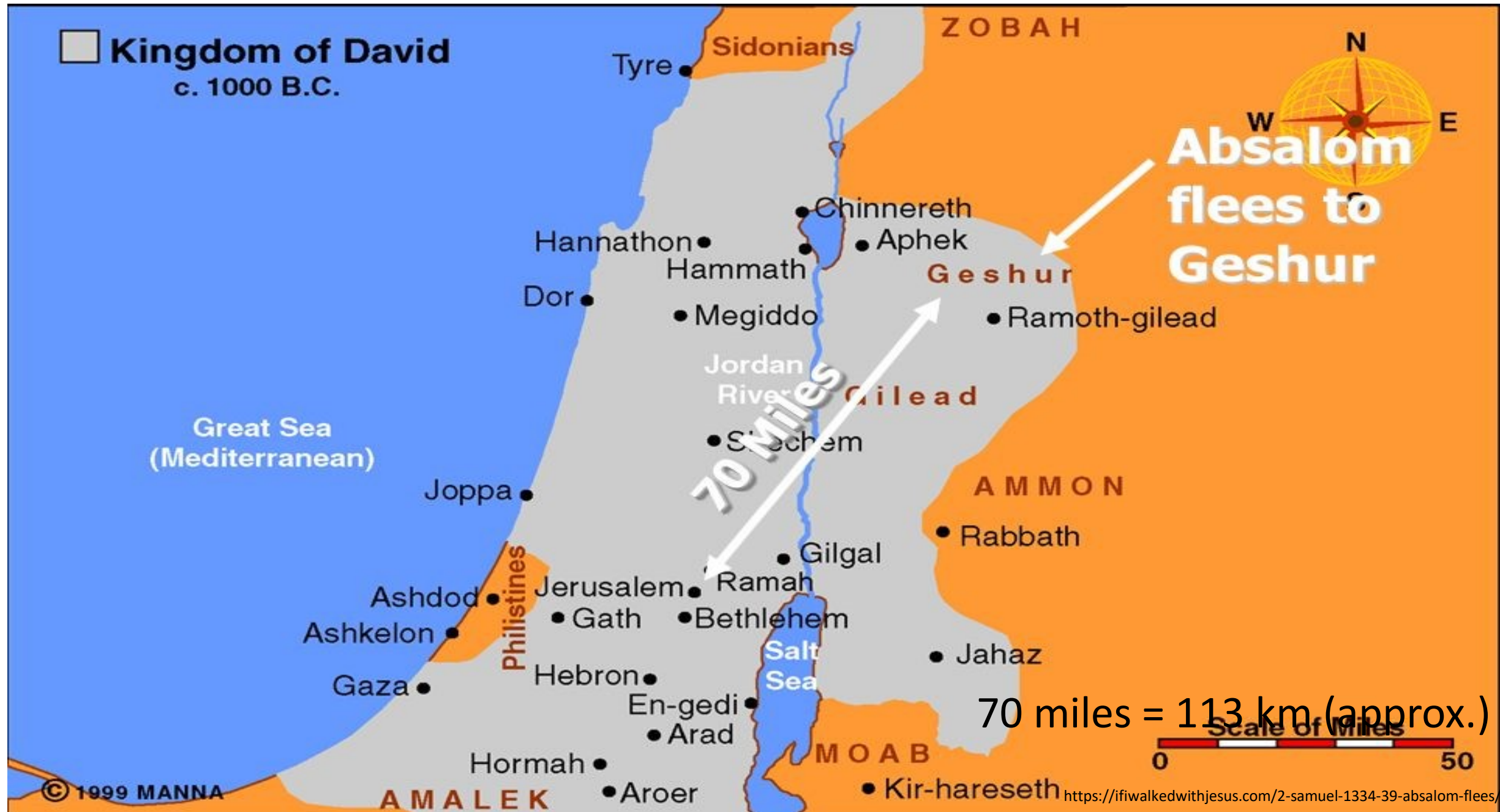
Other
sons and
daughters

(4) Amnon and Tamar – 2 Sam 13: 1- 22

(5) Absalom plotted and killed Amnon – 2 Sam 13:23-29

(6) After killing Amnon, Absalom fled to Geshur.

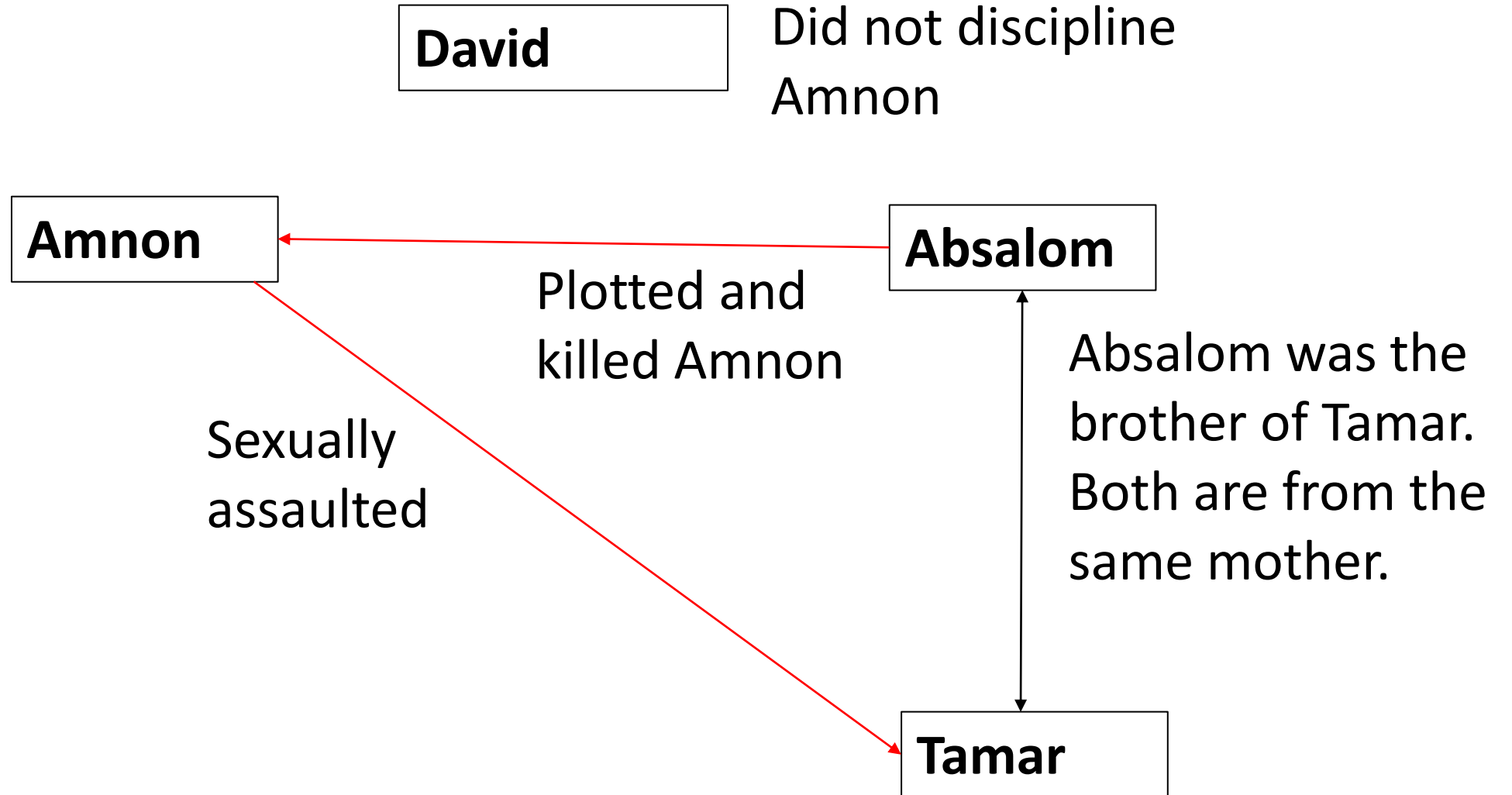
 **Kingdom of David**
c. 1000 B.C.



**Absalom
flees to
Geshur**

70 miles = 113 km (approx.)

(7) Spiritual Lessons:



	Name	Failure	Spiritual Lessons
1.	Amnon	Sexual assault	<p>(a) All men and women must guard against this sin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) lust(ii) violence <p>(b) Be occupied in work and other activities (2 Thessalonians 3:11). Flee youthful lust (2 Timothy 2:22).</p> <p>(c) Due to Amnon's vile conduct, Absalom plotted to take revenge. Take notice, that if we harm or take advantage of others, others will also take revenge against us.</p>

	Name	Failure	Spiritual Lessons
1.	Amnon	Sexual assault	(d) Failed to seek forgiveness and repent for his sin. Instead he was filled with hatred towards Tamar. This shows that there was no love towards Tamar except lust. When lust is satisfied, it turned into hatred. We must also turn away from lust.

Today news

9 Sep 22 - Man who sexually abused 4 daughters in 'one of the worst rape cases' fails in appeal against sentence in SG.

25 Aug 22 -Man jailed, caned for attacking friend with 'unrestrained cruelty' at Choa Chu Kang Cemetery over wife's unproven rape claim

15 Aug 2022- Youth gets 8 years' jail and caning, after raping drunk 16-year-old girl during birthday celebration in SG.

8 Aug 2022- 24 years' jail, caning for man who raped 14-year-old biological daughter in bedroom she shared with younger sister in SG.

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2.	Absalom	Plotted and killed Amnon	<p>(a) Guard against the sin of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Murder (Exodus 20:13)(ii) Hatred (Leviticus 19:17)(iii) Revenge (Leviticus 19:18) <p>(b) When others do wrong against us or our loved ones, we are prone to anger, hatred and taking revenge.</p> <p>(c) We must guard against this. Hatred will generate strife, contention and no peace. Revenge will give rise to retaliation.</p>

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2.	Absalom	Plotted and killed Amnon	(d) Two wrongs do not make a right. When we suffer injustice, seek redress through legal means and get spiritual support. Ultimately, remember that vengeance is of the Lord (Deut 32:35)

Straits Times 11 Jan 2016 - Choa Chu Kang murder: Revenge attack

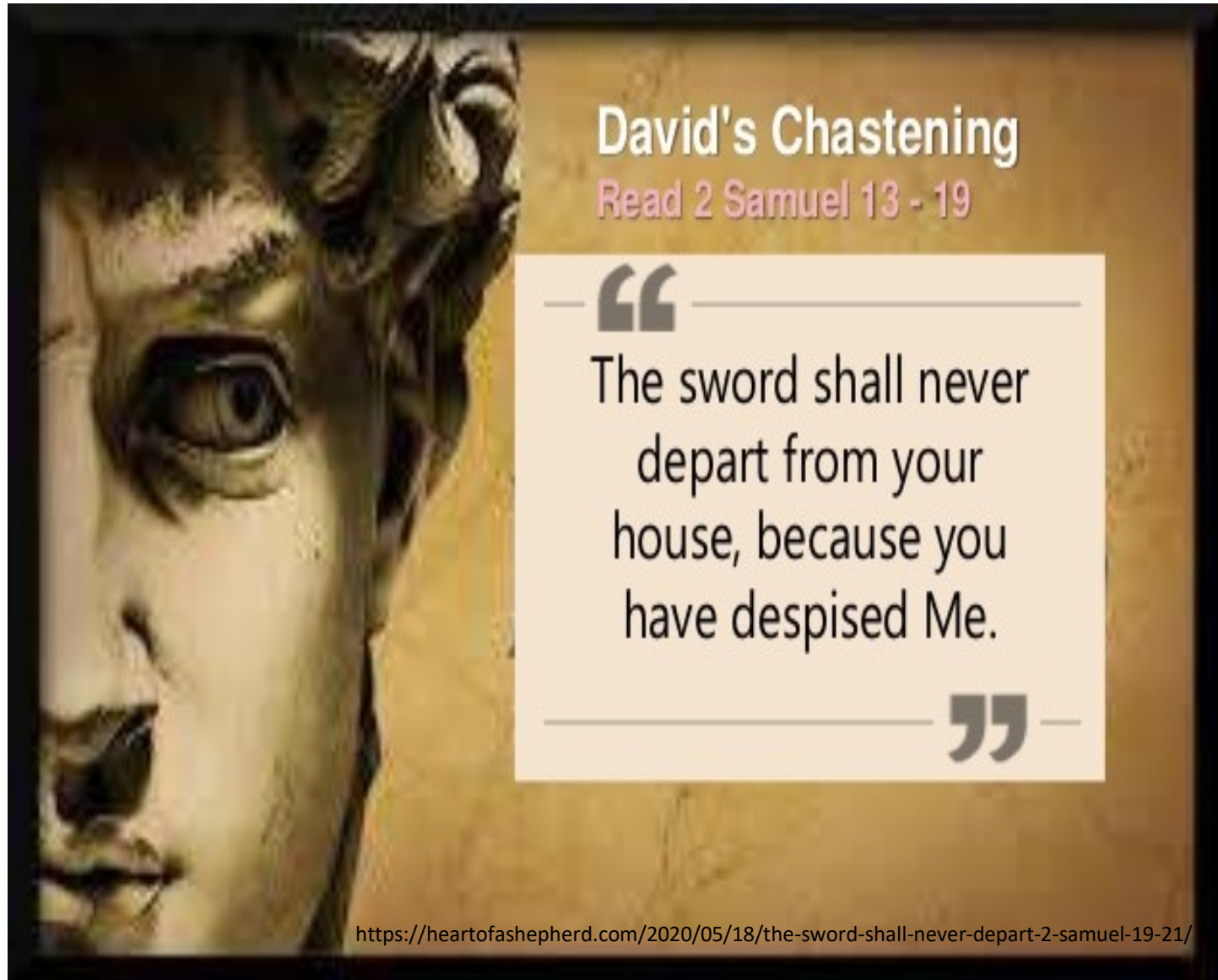
Mr Dexmon and Madam Goh became close in July 2011 and started an affair the following month, carrying out their trysts in his car after work.

But this came to an end a year later, when they started quarrelling more often. They still communicated over the phone.

Later that year, Chia (Mdm Goh's husband) found romantic messages on his wife's phone and confronted her. This led to the revenge killing of Mr Dexmon.

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3.	David	Failed to discipline Amnon	<p>(a) Spare the rod and spoil the child. (<u>Proverbs 13:24</u>)</p> <p>(b) Due to David's failure to discipline Amnon, Absalom plotted and killed Amnon.</p> <p>(c) As a parent, we must discipline our children when they are way-ward.</p> <p>(d) Your other children are watching whether you take disciplinary action.</p>

(4) Why did this tragedy happen in David's family?



(a) It was punishment due to David's sin of adultery and murder.

(b) As a father, he would feel deeply grieved:

- by Absalom's killing of Amnon.
- Sexual violence by Amnon against Tamar.

(c) It was divine punishment for what David did to Uriah.

(5) Let us do some soul-searching ourselves. Put away sin:

(a) Lust

(b) Pride

(c) Hatred and unforgiveness

(d) Jealousy

(e) Violence

(f) etc...

Contemplate:

(1) The grievous sin of sexual assault and revenge.

(2) Instead of taking revenge, what should one do when one is victimised?

Questions from the class