

NO REGRETS

LIVING FOR THE LONG-TERM, PART 1

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The Key Question

If I keep living the way I'm living today, what will be my biggest regret when I get to the end of my life?

Follow-on Question

How might God call me to change the way I'm living so that I don't end up with regrets?

Amnon became so obsessed with his sister Tamar that he made himself ill. She was a virgin, and it seemed impossible for him to do anything to her.

2 Samuel 13:2

And Tamar took the bread she had prepared and brought it to her brother Amnon in his bedroom...

...since he was stronger than she, he raped her.

2 Samuel 13:10-15

"When King David heard all this, he was furious." 2 Samuel 13:21

Whenever sin is not dealt with directly, it always leads to more _____, and more _____.

Absalom ordered his men... 'Strike Amnon down,' then kill him.

2 Samuel 13:28

After Absalom fled and went to Geshur, he stayed there three years. And King David longed to go to Absalom.

2 Samuel 13:38-39

But the king said, "He must go to his own house; he must not see my face." So Absalom went to his own house and did not see the face of the king. 2 Samuel 14:24

I want to see the king's face...

2 Samuel 14:32-33

Absalom... stole the hearts of the people of Israel.

2 Samuel 15:5-6

So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the roof, and he slept with his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

2 Samuel 16:22

The king asked the Cushite, "Is the young man Absalom safe?"

2 Samuel 18:32

The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept.

As he went, he said: "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!"

...The king covered his face and cried aloud, "O my son Absalom! O Absalom, my son, my son!" 2 Samuel 18:33, 19:4

The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth... and His heart was filled with pain.

Genesis 6:5-7 TNIV/NIV

What do you do with a regret you cannot fix?

You give it to a _____.