

Villains of the Bible: Absalom

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The Person: Absalom the son of David.

- His mother was likely an “alliance bride”.
- Comes from a dysfunctional family background.
- He was handsome and has a full head of hair.

The Problem: Absalom got what he wanted through manipulation.

- Absalom did not align himself to God’s family.
- He was patient in plotting his own plans for revenge and glory.
- He used his greatest gifts for his own benefit and elevation.

Our Promise: God is at war against evil and betrayal in the world.

- We rise and fall on where we place our hope.
- We are adopted in to a new family and given power to put off the sinful patterns of our family of origin.
- Our sin is deeper and more harmful than we’ll ever realize, but our Heavenly Father is more gracious and powerful than we could ever imagine or hope for.

Application:

- Seek to identify what your motives are, ask the Lord to forgive and cleanse you for the sinful motivations (I John 1:9) and to replace them with godly motivation.
- Take some time to reflect on your family of origin, what sinful patterns do you need to put off so you can take on the pattern set by Jesus.
- Humble yourself before the Lord, and He will give you grace. (James 4:6)