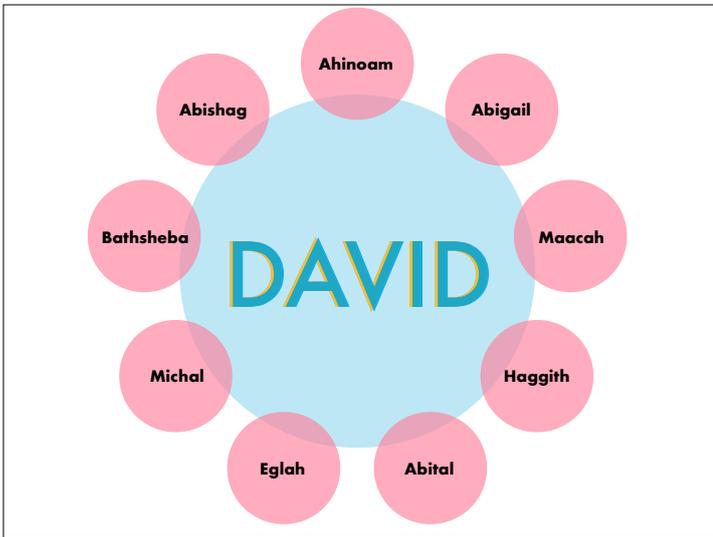
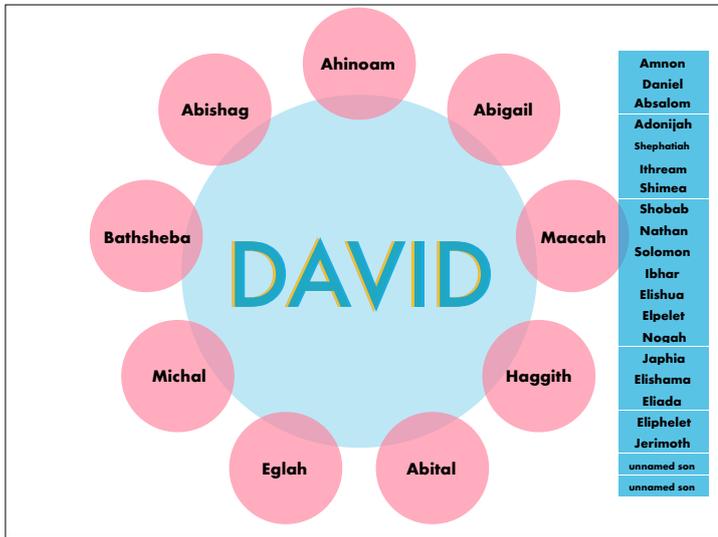


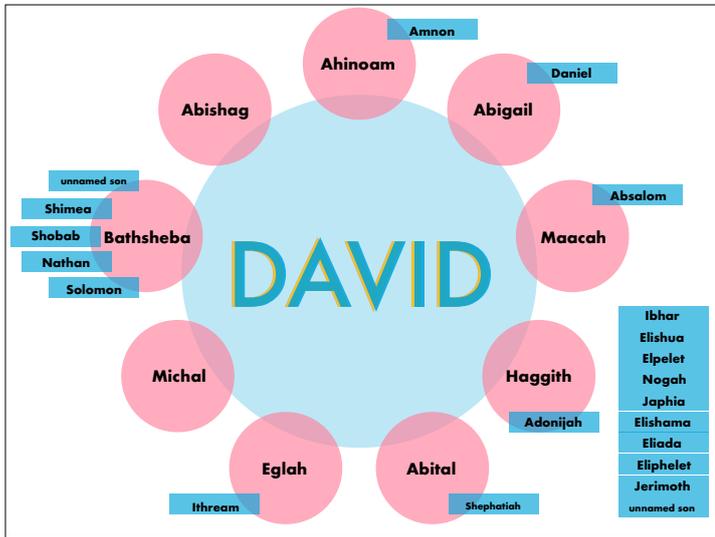
# KINGDOM VISION

**DAVID  
& FAMILY**



Ahinoam  
Abigail  
Maacah  
Haggith  
Abital  
Eglah  
Michal  
Bathsheba  
Abishag





 **DAVID**

**8 wives**

**1 companion woman**

**numerous concubines**

**20 sons**

**2 unnamed sons**

**1 named daughter**



he was unfortunately  
a distant father.

he wasn't present

perhaps he was too busy with his work, running a kingdom, uniting Israel and Judah, fighting wars...

but even later in his reign, when other troops were out fighting and he was just relaxing at home loitering on rooftops, he wasn't any more engaged with his children.

# Lesson #1 Be Present

Maybe it's with kids and wanting them to turn out well. Or maybe it's in our marriage. Or maybe it's in your friendships.

You need to be intentional about them. That's a very big buzzword at the moment in church, intentional...

but what it really means is that you have to try. you have to engage. you have to live alongside people.

There's this contrast between Jesus and David.

David has these 21 sons, and out of them, the Bible demonstrates that he has great love for his oldest sons. It talks about Amnon and Absalom in great details, which we look at later.

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**David is there.  
But he's not.**

he doesn't really know what's happening with his kids. he's there, he sends word, he still has authority but he doesn't know what's going on. Maybe there are too many kids. Maybe he doesn't pick up on certain things.

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**David as father,  
does nothing.**

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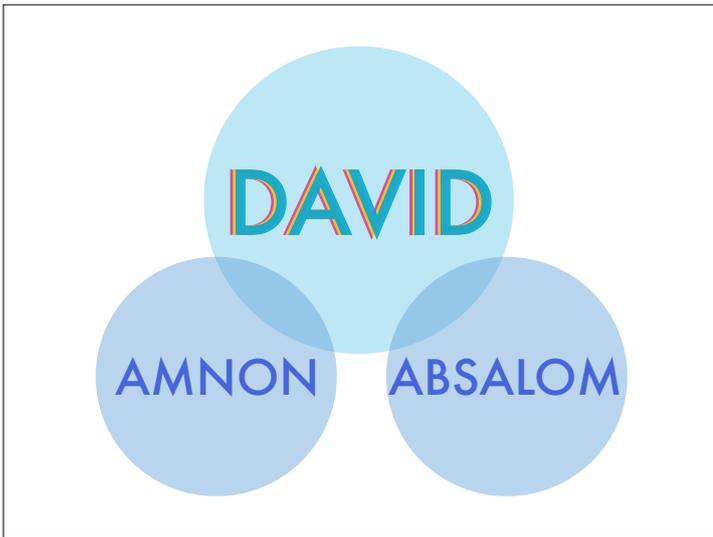
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**You shall not commit adultery**  
**You shall not steal**  
**You shall not bear false witness**  
**against your neighbour**  
**You shall not covet your**  
**neighbour's wife**

Ben, talked last week about how David basically broke 5 commandments – all the commandments directed towards loving your neighbour.



Like father, like sons  
Amnon, who raped his half sister, then  
cast her aside.

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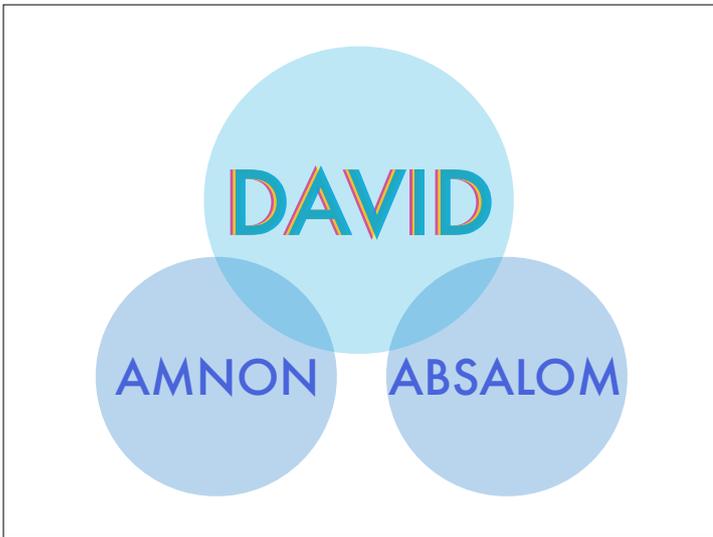
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Revenge. Murder. Sexual sin.



David's sons, don't seem to take on the depth of David's relationship with God. But just seem to pick up all the bad things.

They would have seen David and Bathsheba, they would have heard the gossip about why Bathsheba's son died. And about uriah. And about the prophet Nathan. All of these things would have been talked about. And these brothers.

# **What did David's kids learn from him? How come?**

lieing, stealing, murder, ....

david not being close to them meant they never learnt how to have a living relationship with God. There was no discipleship. There was no depth in their relationship with God. They would have known some things, and seen some... but not have it experienced.

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**The grace, love &  
power of Jesus**

Jesus was born sinless.  
His life was given to break the power  
and curse of sin.

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We are no longer Heirs of sinful behaviour from our parents, or to our children... but we are heirs of Christ..

# Lesson #3 Break the patterns of sin, and live in the love of Christ

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