## LOYALTY BETRAYAL THE IDES OF MARCH

In the course of time, Amnon son of David fell in love with Tamar, the beautiful sister of Absalom son of David. Amnon became so obsessed with Tamar that he made himself ill. ..It seemed impossible for

him to do anything to her.



And Absalom never said a word to Amnon, either good or bad; he hated Amnon because he had disgraced his sister Tamar.



In the course of time, Absalom provided himself with a chariot and horses and with fifty men to run ahead of him.



He would get up early and stand by the side of the road leading to the city gate .Whenever anyone came with a complaint to be placed before the king for a decision, Absalom would call out to him... "Look, your claims are valid and proper, but there is no representative of the king to hear you."



And Absalom would add, "If only I were appointed judge in the land! Then everyone who has a complaint or case could come to me and I would see that they receive justice." 2 Sam 15: 2-5



Also, whenever anyone approached him to bow down before him, Absalom would reach out his hand, take hold of him and kiss him. Absalom behaved in this way toward all the Israelites who came to the king asking for justice, and so he stole the hearts of the people of Israel



Then Absalom sent secret messengers throughout the tribes of Israel to say, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpets, then say, 'Absalom is king in Hebron.'" Two hundred men from Jerusalem had accompanied Absalom. They had been invited as guests and went quite innocently, knowing nothing about the matter.. And so the conspiracy gained strength, and Absalom's following kept on increasing.





Be quick to forgive



Change when in the wrong



Channel ambition to serve others