SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM

PART 46

Whose Voice Will You Trust?

2 SAMUEL 13 & PSALM 1

1 2 Samuel 13:3–4 — *Jonadab fed sinful desire*

A deceptive voice shaped Amnon's choices



- Jonadab was Amnon's friend and adviser.
- Instead of pointing Amnon toward the LORD, he devised a deceptive plan.
- His words fed desires Amnon should have resisted.
- Tamar spoke wisdom, but Amnon listened to the voice he wanted to hear.

2 2 Samuel 13:28–35 — *The dominos of deception*

Jonadab reappears with unsettling knowledge



- Absalom waited two years, then had Amnon killed at the sheep-shearing feast.
- Jonadab told David that only Amnon was dead.
- He also knew Absalom's intention went back to Tamar's violation.
- The narrator leaves us suspicious of Jonadab's voice and influence.

3 Psalm 1:1–3 — *The blessed life is rooted in the LORD*

God's Word shapes a fruitful life



- The blessed person does not walk in the counsel of the wicked.
- *Ashrê* is deeper than happiness: a life rooted in the LORD.
- We keep returning to God's Word because we depend on it.
- Rooted in His Word, our lives bear the fruit God desires.

VOICES	DECEPTION	FRUIT
What we listen to shapes us.	Wicked counsel feeds desire.	God's Word bears fruit in us.

Romans 12:2

Mark 4:19 — The worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things choke the word.
Ephesians 2:1–2 — The spirit of this world is at work in the disobedient.

MAIN TAKEAWAY

Let God's Word determine which voices shape the way we live and see the world.

REFLECTION QUESTION

Whose voice is shaping me right now, and how is God's Word renewing my mind?

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