

**Life of David**  
**90 – Is This Love? Part 3**  
**II Samuel 13:15-20**  
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- I. The Reverie – What Was Wrong from the Start (verses 1-7)
- II. The Reality – What Was Wrong with the Act (verses 8-14)
- III. The Results – What Was Wrong in the End (verses 15-20)
  - A. False Love Because of the Contempt (verses 15-17)
  - B. False Love Because of the Abandonment (verses 16-18)
  - C. False Love Because of the Devastation (verses 18-20)
  - D. Practical Guidance and Exhortation
    1. Have the wisdom of Tamar, and let it never be your choice to enter into a romantic relationship that is not built on true and Biblical love.
    2. Refuse and reject fantasy and all thought processes that will create in our minds expectations out of line with reality that will result in contempt, abandonment, and devastation.
    3. Be assured that there is a better way, God's way, and that marriage and the sexual relationship within marriage, can be and will be wonderfully loving, honoring, intimate, unifying, edifying, and fulfilling when we love God and determine, by His grace, that love for one another, and our romantic relationship, be done His way.
    4. Be aware of the many ruined lives around us, devastated by relationships such as we see with Amnon and Tamar, and seek to hold for the the saving and healing power of the Gospel to any you have opportunity – because there is nothing else that can heal this brokenness.