Things we would rather not talk about…Sexual Abuse
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Chapter One: The People Involved
2 Samuel 13:1-2

Chapter Two: Manipulation
2 Samuel 13:3-7

Chapter Three: The Violent Attack
2 Samuel 13:8-15

Chapter Four: Tamar's Pain
2 Samuel 13:16-18

Chapter Five: The Cover-Up
2 Samuel 13:20-22

2 Samuel 12:11-12
"This is what the Lord says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. [12] You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"

"So Tamar lived as a desolate woman in her brother Absalom's house."

Writing the end of your story…

1) **You did nothing to deserve this.**

Unforgiveness keeps us chained to the past, poisons our present and keeps us from the Future that God has for us.

2) **Don't minimize the abuse.**

3) **Talk to someone about it.**

James 5:16
"Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

4) **Deal with the shame.**

- **Exposure**
- **Evaluation**

Hebrews 12:1-2
"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, [2] fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

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