

# 2 Samuel 14:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.**

This verse contributes to the narrative of Absalom's Return, emphasizing incomplete reconciliation. Joab's elaborate scheme to restore Absalom demonstrates human wisdom that undermines divine purposes. The partial reconciliation (Absalom returns but doesn't see David's face) proves insufficient for genuine restoration. Theological themes include the inadequacy of human reconciliation methods apart from genuine repentance, the danger of manipulation even for apparently good ends, and the necessity of complete rather than partial restoration.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 14 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding incomplete reconciliation provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed significantly from

modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of incomplete reconciliation?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

## Interlinear Text

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וְלֵדוּ	לְאַבְשָׁלוֹם	שְׁלוֹשָׁה	בְּנֵי	וְיָת	אֶחָד
there were born	And unto Absalom	three	sons	daughter	and one
H3205	H53	H7969	H1121	H1323	H259
וְשֵׁםָּהּ	תָּמָר	הָיָה	אִשָּׁה	יְפֵת	מִרְאָהּ:
whose name	was Tamar	H1931	she was a woman	of a fair	countenance
H8034	H8559	H1961	H802	H3303	H4758

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Samuel 18:18** (Parallel theme): Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's place.

**2 Samuel 13:1** (Parallel theme): And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

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