

# CAPTIVATING TRESSES

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On **1/9/2021** I had a dream about a woman with a mane of long, gorgeous hair who was dating a dentist. Now when they first met, she really wasn't all that interested in him. But when he mentioned he was a dentist, he suddenly seemed much more attractive to her. You see she needed some dental work done, and he specialized in root canals.

When she walked through his upscale home for the first time, she noticed that he was selecting stones for his fireplace surround. She picked out one that she really liked, then considered how she might persuade him to choose the one she wanted. It needed to seem like it was his idea and not hers, so that would require a bit of finesse. In the next scene she and the dentist were sitting at a table in a restaurant. Initially her hair was swept up in a ponytail. At just the right moment, she removed her ponytail holder, shook her head, and her long lustrous locks cascaded down her back. Several men in the restaurant turned to stare, mesmerized by her beauty. The dentist was so captivated that he couldn't resist actually touching a lock of her hair. **End of dream.**

Now the woman with the hair seemed very familiar. After mulling it over, I realized she reminded me of Absalom, David's son. He had a gorgeous mane of hair too. But that wasn't the only similarity - both were very highly manipulative. According to the Cambridge English dictionary, manipulation is the action of influencing or controlling someone or something to your advantage, often without anyone knowing it.

Then I started thinking about a video I saw on 5/26/2020 by Patricia King. Link is here: [\(479\) Patricia King "Bitterness is an Open Door for Witchcraft" - YouTube](#). The gist is that when a person cannot forgive another person and becomes bitter, that bitterness is an open door for the enemy to attack them. That open door exposes the unforgiving person to the spirit of witchcraft, manipulation, control, cursing, etc. That is exactly what happened to Absalom. When Amnon raped Tamar, Absalom just could not forgive his brother for what he had done. It says he planned Amnon's murder for TWO FULL YEARS prior to actually killing him. So he was harboring unforgiveness and bitterness in his heart for a very long time. And all that unforgiveness opened the door to not only murder, but also for a spirit of witchcraft and manipulation to attack him. For many years he used his charm and good looks to manipulate the people into turning away from his dad, David, to follow him. It even says that he "stole" the hearts of the men of Israel.

The same thing is true with the woman in my dream. Clearly she was using her beauty and charm to persuade the dentist to her advantage. My guess is that she was hurt very badly by someone in her past, could not forgive them, and that opened the door to a spirit of manipulation in her life.

I know someone, who I will call Melinda, who harbors unforgiveness against her sister, Pam, for something that happened almost FIVE YEARS ago. Recently Melinda told me that she thinks about the "event" several times a day, every single day. It just replays in her mind over and over, tormenting her. Whoa! As soon as she said "it replays over and over, tormenting her", I knew she was talking about the "Tormentor" (or "Torturer" in some versions) described in Matthew 18.

I told her that the way to break free was to forgive her sister. And that if she could just do that, and ask forgiveness from God for getting into unforgiveness, then Jesus would heal her. He could stop that tormenting tape from replaying continuously in her mind once and for all. Then she would be set free.

Melinda said she wanted to forgive her sister, but Pam did not seem to want to take responsibility for what she had done. I said that forgiveness is not about the other person, but her. It's not about whether the other person actually deserves her forgiveness. When Jesus said "Forgive, and you shall be forgiven", He didn't specify any contingencies on the OTHER person. He didn't say "Forgive, if they are worthy of forgiveness" or "Forgive, if they take accountability" or "Forgive, if they seem sorry for what they did". He just said "forgive, and YOU shall be forgiven."

## *Scriptures*

**LUKE 6:37** Judge not, and you shall not be judged: condemn not, and you shall not be condemned: forgive, and you shall be forgiven:

**JOHN 8:36** Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

**MATTHEW 6:12** And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

**MATTHEW 18:21** Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

**MATTHEW 18:32** Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' 34And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35"So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

**2 SAMUEL 15:2** Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. So it was, whenever anyone who had a lawsuit[a] came to the king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say, "What city are you from?" And he would say, "Your servant is from such and such a tribe of Israel." 3Then Absalom would say to him, "Look, your case is good and right; but there is no deputy of the king to hear you." 4Moreover Absalom would say, "Oh, that I were made judge in the land, and everyone who has any suit or cause would come to me; then I would give him justice." 5And so it was, whenever anyone came near to bow down to him, that he would put out his hand and take him and kiss him. 6In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.