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David's Sin With Bathsheba

God's strategy for overcoming sexual temptation
is not to _____ but to _____

What Can We Learn From This Story?

1. If David _____ so _____

Memory Verse

"If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall."
1 Corinthians 10:12

"I take joy in doing your will, my God,
for your instructions are written on my heart."
Psalm 40:8

2. You can _____ your _____
but you can't _____ the _____

"Then David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.'
Nathan answered, 'The Lord has taken away your sin.
You will not die. But. . .'
2 Samuel 12:13-14a

Experiencing God's Grace - 2 Samuel 11 & 12

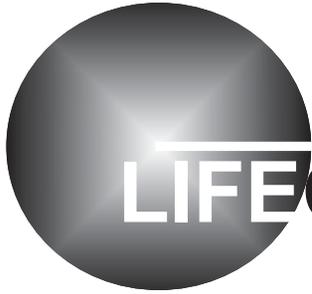
3. It's never _____ to _____ to _____

"Have mercy on me, O God,
because of your unfailing love.
Because of your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.
Wash me clean from my guilt.
Purify me from my sin.
For I recognize my rebellion;
it haunts me day and night.
Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your sight.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.
You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one.
You do not want a burnt offering.
The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.
You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God."
Psalm 51:1-4, 10, 16-17

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Accept Jesus' offer of forgiveness for the first time
- Memorize 1 Corinthians 10:12
- Ask God to search my heart and point out any area of self-righteousness
- Get the most out of today's teaching by attending my Life Group this week





Discussion Questions - Week #6

LIFE GROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, "Experiencing God's Grace," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Is there any practical step you plan to take this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

► In the message this weekend, Pastor Rick preached on David's failure to flee temptation, and all the tragic consequences that followed. In which area of your life are you tempted to overspend or overindulge?

► How would you describe our current American culture's attitude toward temptation?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Like Psalm 51, Psalm 32 has traditionally been linked to David's failure in 2 Samuel 11 & 12. Read Psalm 32 together. What do you learn about God from this passage?

How did David's unconfessed sin impact his life?

Can you relate to the way he felt in the midst of his sin?

What would it look like to cultivate greater self-awareness and honesty with God about your sin?

How does the way the world deals with sin differ from the way God deals with it?

James 1:22 says "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." What do you think this passage is calling you to do?

2. Read Proverbs 16:5 & 18; Galatians 6:3; James 4:6-10. What verse stands out to you most and why?

Why do you think pride is such a big deal to God?

Thinking back to the story of David's failure from 2 Samuel 11 & 12, how might pride have played a role?

As Paul suggests in Galatians, pride can be deceptive. How do we know when we are being prideful?

What are active steps that we can take to protect ourselves from pride taking root in our hearts?

TAKING IT HOME

☞ What is one truth from the message this weekend that you need to keep before you this week?

PRAYER REQUESTS