Learning From David About Sin

Greg Kline · 2 Samuel 11:1–12:23

INTRODUCTION

- These men and women who are heroes of faith were like us.
- But I want to know what does the Bible teach about how we should think about and respond to sin.
- It's not just as cut and dry as David sinned, David repented, poof, there you go.

1 Nobody Is Too Good to Sin

2 Samuel 11:1–17; Romans 3:23

- David was a man after God's own heart. How is it that a man after God's own heart would be an adulterous murderer?
- Sometimes we swing to the other end of the spectrum and we think that we're too good for that type of sin.
- In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab and his servants with him in all Israel, but David remained at Jerusalem.
- When we think that something is too good or too wicked for us, that's when we're going to fall down on our faces.
- If we think that we are too good for this sin or that, be ready. Because pride comes before the fall.

2 God Will Forgive Anyone Who Repents

2 Samuel 12:1–13; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11

- God is not fooled. God sees what we do, he sees when I transgress his law.
- Nathan, the prophet of the Lord, approaches the king, and he says, You are the man.
- David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said to David, The Lord also has put away your sin. You shall not die.
- But what is the good news? But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of Jesus Christ, your Lord.
- This lesson is not to say everyone sins, so it's okay, just pick up and move forward. No, sin deserves death.

3 True Repentance Is a Heartfelt Attitude

Psalm 51:1–14

- What is true repentance? How does it manifest itself? It's all wrapped in a heartfelt attitude.
- Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- Then I will teach transgressors your ways. He wasn't just going to be sorry for the sin. He was going to turn.
- That is true repentance. It was heartfelt.

- Our standard of holiness is not one another. Our standard of holiness is God Himself.

4 Sin Still Has Consequences

2 Samuel 12:14–18

- Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die.
- Was David forgiven or not? Yes, he was. And yet if he looked at his life just seven days later, he would see that his child died as a result of his sin.
- You may be forgiven. But that doesn't make all the consequences of the sin disappear.
- We need to realize that's not on God. That is on us.

5 Our Trust Belongs Solely in God Always

2 Samuel 12:19–23

- David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the Lord and worshipped.
- While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, Who knows whether the Lord will be gracious to me that the child may live?
- Afterwards David still trusted and had faith in God. That's true faith.
- You want to know why David was a man after God's own heart? Because David had a faith that saves.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **But the choice of following Jesus is set. Will you follow him today?**

MY NOTES