



THE STORY

A chronological journey
through the Bible

Sermon Series

Journey Group Lesson “The Trials of a King” – April 7, 2013

Getting Started

What was the worst decision that you made while you were growing up? Did you get caught? What was your punishment?

Digging Deeper

Read 2 Samuel 11:2-5, 14-17

David enters into sin and begins a domino effect of other sins that followed. Identify each of David’s sins and how it led to another sinful choice or action in his life?

Once Uriah was dead, David seemed to think he had gotten away with his coveting, adultery, lying, and murder. But when Nathan confronted him, David realized that God knew everything. What are some of the ways we can deceive ourselves into thinking we have covered our tracks and hidden our sins from ourselves, others, and even God?

Read 2 Samuel 12: 13-17, 20

King Saul, when confronted by Samuel, did not admit his sin, repent, and really ask for forgiveness...he made excuses. That is why God rejected him. How is David’s response to facing the reality of his sinfulness different from Saul’s?

God forgave David, but there were still consequences to his sinful actions. What were some of the consequences David faced immediately and over the long term because of his sinful choices?

Bringing It Home

Why is it important that we walk in God’s grace but still realize we might face very real consequences of our sins?

If you could have asked David at the end of his life, “What advice and insight would you give me about temptation and sin?” what might David say?

How can God use our lives, the good and the bad, to show his presence, love, and grace to the people around us?

Spend some time thanking God that the grace of Jesus is always sufficient to cover all our sins.