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David Part 5 - Small Group Discussion

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Share some of your family memories. What are some of your favorite memories. Were there family moments you wish you could have skipped?
- 2) David, with at least 8 primary wives (including the beautiful Abigail) and a dozen or more concubines (secondary wives), still wanted Bathsheba. What common human failings (or sins) played a part in his poor decisions?

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- 3) David’s initial sin—adultery, was at risk of being exposed when Bathsheba discovered she was pregnant. What happened in his heart to move him on to the point of making sure Uriah would be killed? How can we protect our hearts from being drawn deeper into sin?
- 4) Read 2 Samuel 12:24-25. David and Bathsheba’s second child was Solomon, future King of Israel. Solomon became known as the wisest man in history, and built the first Temple in Jerusalem. What does this tell us about God’s forgiveness and restoration?
- 5) Read 2 Samuel 13:1-17. How do you think Amnon went so quickly from professing love to showing hate towards Tamar? Is this a characteristic of how sin never really satisfies?

MOVING FORWARD

David faced devastating consequences from his actions, which God used as discipline. Read Psalm 32. Well-behaved children face discipline and consequences far less often than children who are out of control.

KEY THOUGHT

Psalm 32:8-10

The LORD says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control.” Many sorrows come to the wicked, but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the LORD.



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