

The Man Who Had It All

SERMON 1

TEXT: 2 Samuel 11-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Be sure to use the reading guide as we study through this series.
- Serve Rocky Mount is next week, April 15-21. Leaders, share info on your group's assignment. No Life Groups next week as we will be serving in the city.
- April 15, Sunday evening prayer service at FCS to begin Serve Rocky Mount.
- Parent commissioning on Mother's Day, May 13 for Covenant Members. Register at www.redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps

LEADING OFF...

1. What have you inherited from your parents?
2. Do you ever see any negative traits or sin in your children that you've struggled with?
3. What is the proper way to read the life of Solomon and other Old Testament stories?

BIG IDEA: The sons of sin will perpetuate sin.

Read 2 Samuel 11:1-5

4. We know David as a man after God's own heart. A well-loved, respected, warrior king. Where does David's sin arise from?
5. How can boredom often lead to sin?
6. Talk about boredom and rest. How are they different?
7. How did David's sin start?
8. We often assume we are better than we really are. How is "feeling safe" a dangerous place for sin to begin?
9. What is the danger of thinking we are not capable of acting like David?
10. How has David abused his power? What does this teach you?
11. How do small, private sins often lead to publicly exposed disgrace?

Read 2 Samuel 11:6-27 (you may need to summarize or choose certain verses to read)

12. We see in David's life that one sin can lead to another. Talk about how this is true in our lives as well.
13. How does David try to hide his sin?
14. How does this remind us of how we sometimes try to hide our sin? Anyone care to share an example?
15. How is confession of private sin such an important aspect of biblical community?
16. Who is Jesus in the story and who are we?

Read 2 Samuel 12:1-7a

17. What is the point of Nathan's story?
18. How does the cycle of sin blind us, as it did David?
19. What are some ways we can guard our hearts from becoming blind to sin?

Read 2 Samuel 12:10-15

20. David confesses and repents, which is characteristic of how a true believer responds when they are confronted with sin. How does the way a person responds to sin reveal the state of their soul?
21. In verse 13, David's sin is forgiven. In verse 14, David still bears the weight of the consequences of his sin. Talk about how we can be forgiven of sin but still might have to bear its consequences. Any examples?
22. In the sermon Dayton shared some ways to practically kill sin. Share some stories from your lives.

Read 2 Samuel 12:24

23. Talk about how David's refusing to kill a cycle of sin plays itself out in future generations.
24. How does this motivate you toward killing sin in your life and your future generations?

Wrapping Up...

25. Why did we need the Son Jesus to break the cycle of sin, and to save us?
26. How can the story of David's failures and Jesus' victory encourage and direct you this week?