

**David- Life Lessons**  
**August 29, 2021**

*"They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind..." (Hosea 8:7)*

*"I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy."  
(Leviticus 11:44)*

*"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (I Peter 1:15-16)*

In the whirlwind there are two different types of suffering:

1. The kind of suffering we \_\_\_\_\_ because it was us who disobeyed.

2. The kind of suffering we \_\_\_\_\_ deserve, but we experience troubles because of someone else's sin.

*"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."  
(Galatians 6:7-8)*

- David's sin \_\_\_\_\_ so many people with rotten consequences, pain, and suffering.

*"Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."  
Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die." (II Samuel 12:13)*

- David made no \_\_\_\_\_. He did not try to rationalize his sin and he confessed his sin before God.

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*"However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die." (II Samuel 12:14)*

How do we weather the storms of life?

1. David's first response to the storm was \_\_\_\_\_.

*"After Nathan had gone home, the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became ill. David pleaded with God for the child. He fasted and spent the nights lying in sackcloth on the ground."  
(II Samuel 12:15-16)*

*"The elders of his household stood beside him to get him up from the ground, but he refused, and he would not eat any food with them."  
(II Samuel 12:17)*

2. David's second response was to realistically \_\_\_\_\_ the consequences.

*"On the seventh day the child died. David's attendants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they thought, "While the child was still living, he wouldn't listen to us when we spoke to him. How can we now tell him the child is dead? He may do something desperate." (II Samuel 12:18)*

*"David noticed that his attendants were whispering among themselves, and he realized the child was dead. "Is the child dead?" he asked. "Yes," they replied, "he is dead." Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped. Then he went to his own house, and at his request they served him food, and he ate." (II Samuel 12:19-20)*

- When we reap the consequences of our actions, we must guard our hearts for any kind of \_\_\_\_\_ against God.

- Always remember, \_\_\_\_\_ hearts make no demands and has no expectations.

3. David's third response was to \_\_\_\_\_ on the truths of scripture.

*"His attendants asked him, "Why are you acting this way? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept, but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat!" (II Samuel 12:21)*

*"He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The Lord may be gracious to me and let the child live.' But now that he is dead, why should I go on fasting? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me." (II Samuel 12:22-23)*

4. David's fourth response was a refusal to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and made love to her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The Lord loved him; and because the Lord loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah." (II Samuel 12:24-25)*

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you." (Psalm 51:10-13)

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