Men's Bible Study: King David & Biblical Manhood Week 24 3/8/23 Danger of Sin

Why do those who follow Jesus still struggle with sin?

James 1:14-15 (ESV), "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death."

1. Sin is tempting

2 Samuel 13:1-4 (ESV)

Genesis 4:7 (NLT), "You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master."

a) Sin is tempting because it is pleasurable

Hebrews 11:24-25 (ESV), "By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin."

Proverbs 20:17 (ESV), "Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be full of gravel."

b) Sin is tempting because our flesh desires it

Galatians 5:16-17 (ESV), "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do."

2. Sin is foolish

2 Samuel 13:13-14 (ESV)

Proverbs 13:20 (ESV), "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm."

3. Sin is unsatisfying

2 Samuel 13:15-17 (ESV)

Ephesians 2:1-5 (ESV), "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved"

4. Sin has consequences