



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Sin, Consequences, and the Gift of Grace

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Highlighted Scripture

Romans 5:12–13, 15–16

Sin entered the world through humanity's rebellion, and its consequences touch all people. Yet God's grace in Jesus Christ is greater than sin, bringing justification where there was condemnation.

2 Samuel 12:1–14

When David sinned, the prophet Nathan confronted him, revealing that hidden sin is never truly hidden from God. David's story shows both the seriousness of sin's consequences and the possibility of repentance and mercy.

Discussion Questions

- **How does Julie distinguish between evil as a result of human rebellion and God's character?**
- **Why is free will important in understanding both evil and love?**

- **What can David's confrontation by Nathan teach us about repentance and accountability?**
- **Why is it often easier to blame others for consequences than to own our choices?**
- **How does God's grace in Christ give hope even while consequences may remain?**

Reflection Challenge

Reflect honestly on repentance, responsibility, and grace.

Ask yourself:

- **Is there an area where I need to take responsibility rather than shift blame?**
- **Are there hidden attitudes or actions I need to bring before God in repentance?**
- **Do I truly believe God's grace is greater than my failures?**

Try this:

- **Spend time in prayer asking God to search your heart honestly**
- **Read David's response of repentance in Psalm as a companion reflection**
- **Practice owning one mistake this week with humility instead of defensiveness**

Remember

- **Sin has real consequences, but grace is greater**

- **Hidden sin is never hidden from God**
- **Repentance is not weakness—it is a path to restoration**
- **Free will makes both rebellion and genuine love possible**

Prayer

Father God,

Thank You for Your grace that is greater than sin.

Help me to be honest about my own choices and quick to repent.

Search my heart and reveal anything I need to surrender to You.

Teach me to walk in responsibility, humility, and trust in Your mercy.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

