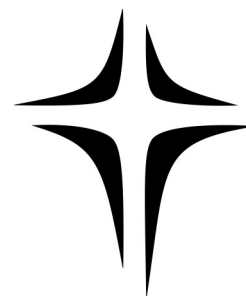




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The Purpose

From here to heaven... Following God wherever He leads us.

Commentary from a common Terry **Big or little, it still hurts us**

I have referenced King David consistently the last few weeks in these articles. He was the greatest Jewish king. He was the standard all other kings were compared to. Jesus' earthly lineage directly descended from him (Jesus was referred to several times as the *Son of David*). Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the city of David.

However, David also demonstrated extraordinary human weakness at times. He sinned when he knew better. He sinned when he ignored God's holiness. He sinned because of lust, pride, or the ensuing actions to cover up his sins.

So, David also knew what it meant to feel *guilty*. One of the most spot-on examples of carrying the guilt of sin and what it can do to a person is David after his sins against God in the shameful Bathsheba affair (a slight pun in the word *affair*). He forced himself on her, maybe coming close to a sexual assault. It was certainly wrong in every sense as she was another man's wife. And not just any man, but a man who was away from home serving in the king's army at the battlefield. When Bathsheba let the king know she was pregnant, he immediately sent for Uriah, her husband, so he might spend time with his wife and maybe people would assume the child was his. Maybe Uriah would assume the child was his.

That didn't work. Wanna know why? Because Uriah was much more honorable than the king. He refused to be with his wife as long as his fellow soldiers were entrenched in battle and unable to be with their own wives and families. David eventually had Uriah killed by ordering his commander to abandon him while on the front line. What a mess of sins David cooked up! If you want to catch the details, you can read all about it in II Samuel 11.

When and how does the guilt show up? That'd be chapter twelve. Nathan, sent by God as His prophet, speaks a situation to the king's ear. A rich man has taken a poor man's only lamb, using it to feed an unexpected guest instead of using a lamb from his own expansive flock.

David's reaction is severe, perhaps even excessive. "That man should *die!*" David did not yet realize that **he** was the rich man in the scenario. He took another man's wife...at great cost. And

now, a year later (maybe more, maybe a little less) he's still affected by the guilt. The Law did teach that the rich man should repay the poor man fourfold. That's Exodus 22:1. The Law did not teach that the rich man should die, which were the first words out of David's mouth. His own guilt had skewered his perspective and blinded him to his own sin. Until Nathan said, "You are the man!"

You can get the whole story in II Samuel 12.

The *burden*, the *heaviness* of sin can be huge. It can be relentless. It can be smaller, but nag at us with devastating effectiveness. All of that I've just reviewed led David to write Psalm 51, the great repentance chapter. It's not possible to read Psalm 51 and fail to appreciate the onus of sin carried by the sinner.

This is pretty easy to understand when we talk about those really big sins, the ones that make the list of worst things we can do. The guilt can be crippling.

But what about the sin that isn't so big, that doesn't make any huge list. It's there and it's wrong and we're guilty and we're unhappy.

The other day I ended up with three mosquito bites on my left hand. I don't know when I was visited by the little bloodsucker, but I sure knew later. One of them was on my ring finger, next to my wedding ring. Right by it. That one in particular, of the three, nearly drove me crazy! Cream helped very little. I tried not to scratch it. But, it was in just such a spot that it distracted me often. And such a little thing. It's not like I sliced my hand open with a butcher knife or something, which would be a huge burden, all that blood and stitches and stuff. That's heavy.

It was small, but it was irritatingly effective. Like our spiritual enemy, not every missile he fires at us is nuclear. Some are small and dangerous and oh-so-very guilt-causing.

The one good thing David did through all this, showing why he was a man after God's own heart, was that he owned it. When Nathan confronted him, his first words were, "I have sinned against the Lord." And the burden began to lift.

Love one another,

Terry

Cookout today at the park



We will have a congregational burgers and dogs cookout this afternoon at the west shelter at Bittersweet Park. We will start at 5:30 p.m. We encourage you to invite guests as we enjoy this great fellowship time together. Check your email for details on what to bring. The meat, buns, condiments, and drinks are provided. You may also want to bring lawn chairs, lawn games, and insect repellent.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are thankful you are with us today as we worship our God and Savior. Our prayer is that you will encounter Him today.

A nursery for small children is available in the east hall off the lobby.

What will you experience at Westview?

- **Praise through song.** It is the tradition of our heritage to sing a cappella (without instruments) as we encourage everyone to be involved in uplifting praise.
- We value the **Bible**. You will hear God's Word read and all sermons will give the utmost respect and priority to Scripture.
- We share the **Lord's Supper** every week remembering Christ's sacrifice that provides us forgiveness as we celebrate our salvation through Him.
- **We do not expect our guests to give financially** to our work. We depend on the generous and godly giving of all Westview members to provide the funds needed to implement God's plans for this church.

We invite you to stay for Bible classes following our worship time. We hope you have been blessed today!

Today's Order of Worship

Majesty

Come, Now Is the Time To Worship

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

Prayer

We Bow Down

Softly and Tenderly

Sermon

The Invasion:

God's Church God's Way (11)

We have abundant power?

He Gave Me a Song

Scripture Reading:

John 12:27-33

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

Contribution Collected

Take the Name of Jesus

Elder blessing/prayer

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Unison Reading:

Romans 11:36

Doxology

Servers for Worship today (28th)

Scripture Reading Steve Sebold
Prayer Todd Zwetzig
Doug Blount (communion prayers)
Taylor Wikum (contribution prayers)
Zachary Blount
Ken Clark
Dan Esposito
Chad Goodwin



The Westview Men's Coffee is every Tuesday morning from 6 to 8 a.m. in the fellowship room.

The Westview Women's Coffee is every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. in the fellowship room.



Prayer reminders

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

We do not include personal information, such as the prayer list in our online bulletin. If you would like that information, it is available in the hard copy bulletin at the building. Or, you can contact the church office to receive a copy.

Events, opportunities, and reminders:

No Sunday morning classes next week We will not have our regular morning classes next Sunday, July 5th. We will have some refreshments in the fellowship room. We invite everyone to stay for a bit as we enjoy some extended time together.

The *Young Families Discovery Group* will meet next Sunday afternoon, July 5th, at 5 p.m. The menu is pizza and a salad bar. Check with Cory and Katie for more information about what you are to bring or if you have any questions. All families with children are invited to join us.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

6/28 – Easton Adkins
6/29 – Tom Lininger (80th!!)
7/4 – Roy & Dian Moore

The handout with the various suggestions for Bible study plans for the month of July is in the lobby on the counter.

The kids' worship handout is on the table at the back of the auditorium.

Sunday morning classes: The fellowship room class is a verse-by-verse textual study, led by Randy and Tom. Tom is currently leading a study of the book of **John**.

Terry's class, which meets in room #14, began a new study this summer entitled *The Fortress*. It is built on Psalm 18. Can we actually *experience* the power and protection and guidance of God, moving forward and growing in our faith?

The Kitchen is CLOSED this week, July 1st We'll next meet at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8th, at the building to prepare burritos and take them to the homeless shelter. Your help is appreciated.

Tuesday night singing/worship every week All are invited to join the worship leaders each Tuesday evening at the building at 7 p.m. for an hour of singing and worship.

The Wednesday night study group meets at 6:30 in the fellowship room.
We are studying the book of Colossians.

If you are interested in or need more information about the **Band of Brothers ministry** weekend on September 10th-13th in Westcliffe, check with Doug Blount. (If cost is a concern, we have scholarship funding available to assist.)

If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled too long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great.

~~ John Piper~~ (from *A Hunger For God*)

Christianity does not begin with our pursuit of Christ, but with Christ's pursuit of us. Christianity does not start with an invitation we offer to Jesus, but with an invitation Jesus offers to us.

~~David Platt~~ (from *Follow Me*)