

## LEARNING FROM DAVID'S BIGGEST MISTAKE

### 2 Samuel 24

#### When tempted to sin...

##### 1. Listen to others

*And Joab said to the king, "Now may the Lord your God add to the people a hundred times more than there are and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king desire this thing?" (3)*

##### 2. Examine your heart

*Then Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to the king. And there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. (9)*

##### 3. Count the cost

*And David's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. (10)*

#### After you sin...

##### 1. Repent quickly

*So David said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O Lord, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly." (10)*

##### 2. Accept the consequences

*So Gad came to David and told him; and he said to him, "Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' plague in your land? Now consider and see what answer I should take back to Him who sent me." (13)*

##### 3. Plead for mercy

*Then David spoke to the Lord when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, "Surely I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, be against me and against my father's house." (17)*

##### 4. Warn others

*Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. (24)*