

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: Slings & Crowns - Lessons in Courage, Calling & Character from the Life of David

Message 6: When Sin Wins a Battle, But Grace Wins the War

Text: [2 Samuel 11-12](#)

Date: December 7, 2025 **Speaker:** Shawn Vandop



Connect (25min)

Festive Options

- **Option 1** – [The Shepherd: A Story of the First Christmas](#). Watch this 18 minute short film on YouTube.
- **Option 2 - Festive Faves.** Share the first favorite (just 1) that comes to mind in these festive categories:
*Christmas Carol *Christmas Treat *Christmas Movie/Show *Christmas Decoration *Christmas Activity
- **Option 3 - Would You Rather? - Christmas Edition**
Would you rather have a Tropical Christmas or a White Christmas?
Would you rather have Christmas in the City or a Country Christmas?
Would you rather have a Classy Christmas Attire or an Ugly Christmas Sweater?
Would you rather go Caroling or go Tobogganing? Would you rather have Christmas Appies or Dessert?
Would you rather go Ice Fishing or Ice Skating?
Would you rather an Artificial Christmas Tree or a Real Tree?
Would you rather decorate a Gingerbread House or a Christmas Tree?
Would you rather watch classic Christmas Movies at home or New Releases in the Cinema?
Would you rather meet the Wisemen or the Shepherds from the Christmas Story.
Create a couple more *Would you rather* questions with your group.

Message Discussion (45min)

>> Open in Prayer and then share the reading of [2 Samuel 11-12](#).

1. Wrongly Relaxed >> Read: [1 Corinthians 10:12](#).

- David drifted because he relaxed in a season he was meant to be engaged.
- When & Where in your life do you tend to drift—emotionally, spiritually, or morally—when you relax your guard?
- What practical rhythms help you stay awake spiritually?

2. Rooftop Rendezvous >> Read: [2 Samuel 11:1-4](#).

- David wasn't initially doing anything "evil" when he went to the roof; he was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.
- What "rooftops" - environments, habits, or emotional states - put you in danger of compromise?
Hungry-Angry-Lonely-Tire (H.A.L.T.), Media ...
- How can your Life Group support you in guarding those areas?

3. Warning Signs >> Read: [Proverbs 27:6](#).

- David received a clear warning: "She is the wife of Uriah." He ignored it.
- Why is ignoring warning signs so dangerous?
- Who has permission to speak truth into your life, even warnings, and how well do you listen?
Share an example of a time God tried to warn you before a mistake.

4. Be Like Uriah >> Read: [2 Samuel 11:6–11](#).

- **Uriah embodied loyalty, holiness, and covenant faithfulness, even when no one was watching.**
- Which part of Uriah's character challenges or inspires you the most?
- Where is God calling you to show that kind of integrity right now?

5. Marriage Matters >> Read: [Hebrews 13:4](#).

- **Multiple marriages and families were impacted by David's decisions.**
- What can marriages learn from this story?
- What is one practical action you can take this week to strengthen your marriage, or future marriage?

6. Ripple Effect >> Read: [James 1:14–15](#).

- **David's sin didn't just affect him**
—it took the lives of soldiers, wounded Bathsheba, compromised Joab, and fractured a kingdom.
- Why does sin always create "collateral damage"?
- Why is it important to remember that sin never affects only one person?
- Where have you seen the ripple effects of someone's hidden sin (in your life, family, or in Scripture)?

7. Turning Point >> Read: [2 Samuel 12:1–7](#) & [Psalm 51:1–4](#).

- **Nathan's confrontation didn't end David—it saved him.**
- Why is confession the turning point, not shame?
- Why is confession so powerful for healing, and why is it so hard?
- How can we create a culture in our church where confession is safe and normal?
(Reference [Set Free Retreat](#) and [Celebrate Recovery](#))

8. Restoration Plan >> Read: [2 Samuel 12:24–25](#)

- **God gave Solomon the name "Jedidiah — beloved of the LORD." God brought Solomon—the future king—out of the rubble of David's sin.**
- Where do you need God to restore something broken in your life - relationships, heart, or past?
- What is God rebuilding in your life?
- What is one step of accountability, obedience, or surrender you can take toward restoration this week?

Prayer (20min)

***Break into groups of 3-4 or Men & Women, to enhance your sharing and prayer time.**

- **Take 2:** In preparation for sharing and prayer, set a timer for 2min of quiet reflection on our discussion.
Ask the Lord to reveal any needs or focus for sharing and prayer.
- **In response to our message and discussion - How can the group pray for you and your journey this week?**
Share your specific opportunity, challenge or need and pray for one another.
- **In response to our message and discussion - Who is one other person in your life that we can pray for today?**
Share their specific opportunity, challenge or need and pray for them together.