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Title: Mentor Me, David, pt.3

Purpose: Declare the painful truth that people who love God sin and provoke them to deal with sin by confession and repentance, not cover up to find God's mercy.

Truth for Today: When we sin, don't cover it up; confess and repent to find God's mercy.

Text: 1 Kings 15:1-5

Topic: David, Mentor, Sin, Mercy, Forgiveness

Series Title: Mentor Me

Series Purpose: Provoke people to learn and apply life lessons, good and bad, from Biblical characters.

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I. Introduction

A. Text, [1 Kings 15:1–5 (NIV)...Abijah became king of Judah, 2 and he reigned in Jerusalem three years...3 He committed all the sins his father had done before him; **his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his forefather had been...**5 For David had **done what was right** in the eyes of the LORD and had not failed to keep any of the LORD's commands all the days of his life—**except in the case of Uriah the Hittite.**] David committed adultery with Uriah's wife and had Uriah killed to cover it up.

B. Review series: Mentor Me. We've been learning life lessons from David. He 1st showed us how to fulfill the Great Commandment and love the Lord with all our heart. Last week he showed us how adversity and opposition can be a steppingstone to God's promotion when he defeated Goliath.

C. Today David will show us the painful truth that people who love God still sin, and sin can have painful consequences. David will show us there's a right way and a wrong way to deal with sin. The wrong way will only make matters worse while the right way leads us to mercy and forgiveness.

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E. Truth for Today: When we sin, don't cover it up; confess and repent to find God's mercy.

II. Mentoring Lesson #1: When I'm in the wrong place, I'm more likely to be tempted and sin.

A. [2 Sam. 11–12 (NLT) In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent...the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites...However,

David stayed behind in Jerusalem. 2...David...was walking on the roof of the palace...he noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath. 3 He sent someone to find out who she was, and he was told, “**She is Bathsheba...the wife of Uriah the Hittite.**” 4...David sent messengers to get her; and when she came to the palace, he slept with her...]

1. David committed adultery with his friend’s wife. The Bible says adultery is a sin. [7/10 commandments Ex. 20:14 (ESV) “**You shall not commit adultery.**”] Uriah was an elite soldier among David’s inner circle of mighty men. He was loyal to David and had a strong sense of duty making David’s adultery worse.²

2. Normally kings lead troops to battle. If David had been where he was supposed to be he wouldn’t have made the 2 biggest mistakes of his life. We don’t know why he didn’t go to war, but his lust was stronger than his love and fear of God. Illus. at a party and someone lights a peace pipe; if you stay you’ll probably take a turn. Shoulder pain and someone tells us about a massage salon in town that offers more than back rubs. If you go you might be there when the police raid.

B. David’s adultery was a sin. Sin isn’t a word used in our culture outside of church. I asked Siri 3 times what is a synonym for sin? Which word? ‘sin’ She gave me the definition of a second (minute, hour). The smartest woman in the world didn’t know what sin is. She had no clue that God says the cause of all suffering, pain, sorrow, and death is sin...or maybe she’s just a reflection of culture and doesn’t care. Our culture entertains us with sin and our laws promote the very sins God will judge people for.

1. Def. sin: (1) Any thought or action that violates God’s law or moral standards², e.g., adultery, lying, and murder. (2) To do wrong. Because our culture rejects God’s Word, the Bible, we don’t know the difference between right and wrong.

C. Satan uses temptation to lure us into sin and it follows a predictable pattern. [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.**] For David, his sexual lust for a beautiful woman caused him to commit adultery and kill her husband. When his sin was exposed, he felt shame and his entire family suffered from the seed of destruction.

III. Mentoring lesson #2: There’s a right way and a wrong way to deal with sin

A. [Vs. 5 Later... Bathsheba discovered that she was pregnant, she sent David a message, saying, **“I’m pregnant.”** 6 Then David sent word to Joab: **“Send me Uriah...”**]

1. This was a defining moment for David. When we sin, our natural response is to hide or blame someone else (Adam and Eve: it was the woman/ devil), lie (it wasn’t me), or coverup. Our culture deals with most sin by redefining it and normalizing sin, e.g., APA’s Diagnostic Statistic Manual used to classify homosexuality and gender identity confusion as mental disorders.⁴
2. There’s a better way, [Pr. 28:13 (NLT) **People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.**]
 - a. Conceal/ coverup = need to lie, troubled conscience, false sense of security, hard heart towards God, commit additional sin to cover up what we did, finally shame, embarrassment and ultimately judgment.
 - b. Confess and turn/ repent = mercy
3. David chose to try to cover it up. He brought Uriah home and tried to get him to sleep with Bathsheba twice. He wouldn’t. So, David had him killed in battle.

IV. Mentoring lesson #3: Sooner or later our sin will be exposed.

A. Vs. 26 ...Uriah’s wife...mourned for him (*Uriah*). 27 When the period of mourning was over, David sent for her and...**she became one of his wives. Then she gave birth to a son. But the Lord was displeased with what David had done.** 1 So the Lord sent **Nathan the prophet** to tell David this story: “There were two men...One was rich, and one was poor. (*David is rich man, Uriah is poor man*) 2 The rich man owned a great many sheep...3 The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb...He raised that little lamb...He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. 4...a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock...he took the poor man’s lamb and...prepared it for his guest.” **5 David was furious...“any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! 6 He must repay four lambs to the poor man...7** Then Nathan said to David, **“You are that man!...9...you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword...and stolen his wife.**

1. Sometimes our guilt becomes so heavy we confess it; sometimes people tell what we did; sometimes civil government exposes it, and sometimes

God exposes it in this life or at the Great White Throne Judgment. Sin can't be hidden forever.

V. Mentoring Lesson #4: Though sin is forgiven it still has consequences.

A. Vs. 10 **From this time on, your family will live by the sword** because you have **despised me** by taking Uriah's wife to be your own.

11...**Because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you...**] His son Amnon raped his sister Tamar, David's other son Absalom killed Amnon his brother, and later Absalom tried to steal the Kingdom and kill his dad.

1. David's sin opened a door of destruction that effected his whole family.

Illus. If I sell drugs, I'll go to jail and my kids will grow up without a dad and my wife will have to work 2 jobs to survive. My sin has consequences that will affect others.

B. Vs. 13 **Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."** Nathan replied, "Yes, but **the Lord has forgiven you, and you won't die for this sin.** 14 **Nevertheless,** because you have shown utter contempt for the word of the Lord...your child will die."... (*After his child died*), Vs. 20 Then David...went to the Tabernacle and **worshiped the Lord.** [Pr. 28:13 (NLT)...**if they confess and turn from them (sin), they will receive mercy**]

1. The lesson is clear. Run to God when we mess up; don't run away from Him. [Heb. 4:15–16 (NCV) For our high priest (*Jesus*) is able to understand our weaknesses. He was tempted in every way that we are, but he did not sin. 16 Let us, then, feel very sure that **we can come before God's throne where there is grace. There we can receive mercy and grace to help us when we need it.**]

VI. Conclusion: Mentoring Lesson #5: God forgives and blesses us when we turn back to Him.

A. [Vs 24 Then David comforted Bathsheba, his wife...She became pregnant and gave birth to a son, and **David named him Solomon.** (*which means peace*³) **The Lord loved the child** 25 and sent word through Nathan the prophet that they should name him Jedidiah (which means "**beloved of the Lord**")...]

1. When God forgives our sin, He forgets them. David, Psalm [103:11–13 (NIV) For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so **great is his love**

for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he **removed** our transgressions from us. 13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has **compassion** on those who fear him;] No sin is too great for God to forgive.

B. God not only forgives us but blesses us when we return to Him, [Mt. 1:1–6 (NLT) This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a **descendant of David**...6 Jesse was the father of King David. **David was the father of Solomon (whose mother was Bathsheba, the widow of Uriah).**

1. God forgave and restored David and Bathsheba and blessed them with Solomon, the wisest man in the OT, all in the genealogy of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

VII. Response

A. Prayer: (1) There's a sin I need to confess to God and ask forgiveness. (2) I need to ask forgiveness from a person I wronged. (3) Because God has forgiven me, I need to forgive myself. (4) God give me the strength to resist temptation and live a holy life.

B. Souls

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IX. Supplemental material

A. There are 2 basic motivations to avoid sin, (1) Fear of consequences, (2) It damages our relationship with God.

B. Confession makes us right with God. Confession, apology, and restitution makes us right with people. // HHS stole football stuff.