

SUMMARY

This week we are tackling one of the most famous failures in history: David's sin with Bathsheba. We are going to use the story of his sin and his attempts to cover it up to show that sin is deadly and that we need to be vigilant as we navigate the temptations of this life. We are also going to see that when we do fall like David, God is the only one who can take our sin away.

TEXT

2 Samuel 11-12

OUTLINE

Temptation can lead the best of us to the worst of sins.

David was...

- Blessed - Given all he could have wanted
- Bored - Inactivity can become a breeding ground for temptation.

So we must be vigilant

Sin rejects God's authority and tries to make us kings

David...

- Disobeyed God's law - David did something that was prohibited by God.
- Followed his heart - David made his desires mean more than God's commands.

So we must humble ourselves under God's plan

Sin leads to death

David...

- Deserved to die - Leviticus 20 makes the punishment for David's sin clear.
- Killed to stay alive - David selfishly protected himself by harming others.

So we must consider the effect of our sin

Conviction is a painful grace from God

David...

- Sees his sin for what it is - God opens David's eyes to the seriousness of his sin.
- Confesses his sin (12:13, Ps 51) - David acknowledges and turns from his sin.

So we must listen to God's rebuke

God alone cleanses us from sin

David...

Covered his sin with another man's blood

Jesus...

Covers our sin with his own blood

So we must confess, not cover, our sin

Discussion Questions

- What are some times and situations in your life that might open the door to temptation?
- What can we learn from David's failure about resisting temptation?
- What can we learn from David's failure about trusting in God to take our sins away?