

THE CURSE THAT BECAME KING

2 Samuel 11

Context on David

- I want you to understand who David is
- David was a shepherd boy who was appointed by God to be the successor of King Saul
- In the bible David is referred to as a man after God's own heart, a man he has hand chosen, his chosen servant, his anointed one, and the sweet psalmist of israel
- He was known for his incredible military accomplishments and prosperity of israel
- And most famously known for Killing the Giant goliath

READ 2 Samuel 11

INTRO STORY

Have you ever experienced a curse in the middle of a blessing? I think the reality of the human life is sometimes in the middle of blessing we experience a curse

- Taking a flight to vacation = middle seat
- Getting chick fil a - they forget the sauces
- Going on a date with someone you like - turns out their unemployed and live in their parents basement
- Disneyland - food prices and lines
- Having a wife - the amazon packages that come to the door

We all experience something that messes the good up

- I've learned most the time it is ourselves

Up until this point in scripture David is pictured as the perfect human king of Israel + Israel was in a time of blessing

- But that's the thing
- He was still human
- And in 2 samuel 11 what we read is what modern scholars call David's greatest failure
- the perceived perfection of David collapses
- And his flesh strikes
- The man after God's own heart chooses to destroy it

In the middle of a blessed kingdom we find David under the curse of sin

- Not only do we see David under the curse of sin

We see him stuck in the downward spiral of sin

- Not only did he cheat
- Then he had to cover his cheating with lying
- And his lying with murder
- And the murder pulled others into his sin
- And trapped them in sin also

POINT 1

THE EFFECTS OF SIN

Sin has an insatiable appetite that when fed will run ravenous into your life and others

- It gets a mind of its own

But I came this morning to warn a generation to turn away from sin!

- The bible says that the wages of sin are death
- That they do not bring life
- But instead they breed shame and confusion in our lives

BLUE PIGS

Recently In Monterey CA wild pigs have been discovered having neon blue meat - bright blue. They called it 7/11 slushy blue. Scientists couldn't figure it out. Was it a new species, was it a mutation, what was it? But after some time and some scientific study of these pigs scientists discovered what had caused this mutation.

Pigs had slowly started to digest a certain type of rat poison commonly used in the area. Over time the pigs would consume not enough to kill them, but certainly enough to begin to change them and eventually rot their flesh

This is the thing about sin

- Sin at first seems harmless
- It seems like just a religious idea
- At first it seems like just a hit
- It seems fun
- It seems manageable
- And so you begin to entertain it
- Digest it

- Certainly not enough to kill you
- But what you can't see is what it's doing to your soul, your mind, and your ability to walk in the fullness God has for your life
- Sin has a way of mutating things in your life

But this is how sin creeps in - in micro doses

When we look at our passage we see one important detail in the first verse of this passage

- One that is easy to overlook if we aren't careful

Verse one says

"In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war,..."

Why would Samuel write this detail in this passage?

- Because David should have been off at war
- David was already living out of what he should have been
- This is how sin creeps in
- It starts in small compromises

Song of Solomon 2:15 warns us

"Catch all the foxes, those little foxes, before they ruin the vineyard of love, for the grapevines are blossoming!"

What does this mean? It means it's the little things that become big things

- It's the spark that becomes a forest fire
- It's a crack in the foundation that crumbles a building
- It's the compromise that kills a christian

Can I tell you today church

- Sin is never worth your soul

BOAT Illustration

My wife and I were just on vacation in the pan handle/ gulf of america area. with my family and my wife's family - one morning we took a boat out into the gulf, explored, Bella attempted to snorkel, it was a blast. On the way back Bella's uncle who was an experienced boat captain had out a compass and was watching the direction we were headed. And he looked at me and said " Here's a good topic for a sermon" now as a

pastor when people look at you and say that you can almost guarantee the thing they are about to say aint it - But what uncle ted said was profound.

He said - at this distance away from shore if I even begin to drift 1 degree off I will end up at the completely wrong part of the shore One degree.

- But then he said this but also at this distance from shore
- I have plenty of time to coarse correct
- The earlier I correct, the faster I can get back on track

David should have been at war - but his compromise led to his demise

It didn't start with an affair it started with a look

- Don't let little compromise take you off track
- If you don't correct now you could one day look back at the mess you're in and wonder how you even got here.
- Nobody starts addicted, nobody starts bound, nobody starts in bondage, nobody starts depressed, nobody starts anxious
- You start willing to compromise

The scary part is that by the end of this passage it seems that the "Man after God's heart" let compromise harden his heart.

POINT 2

But David's response to his Sin is what proves his heart for God

It is not whether or not we sin that marks us as believers - it is instead how quickly we repent from sin

As the story unfolds the prophet Nathan comes and rebukes David

- He tells him what you have done is evil in the Lords eyes
- But it's David's response that changes this whole story
- Davis says " I have sinned against the Lord"
- And the bible tells us in 2 samuel 12 that david fasts and repents
- And the Lord forgives his sin

David wrote Psalm 51 after he is confronted by nathan

- The psalm shows us David's repentant heart

Psalm 51:

Have mercy on me,^[a] O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

2

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

... Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right^[b] spirit within me.

11

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

12

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

What's unique about this is that David's predecessor King Saul has a similar moment

- Yet his heart was unrepentant
- He begged Don't take the kingdom from me
- And David begged don't take your presence from me

Genuine repentance is what makes a man after God's heart

- Not a perfect person;
- Not a sinless person
- But a person who acknowledges out of the kindness of the conviction of Christ that I have sinned
- But is quick to repent
- Quick to run to the father

"Ready repentance opens the channels of communication with the father"

Many of us struggle with this idea of repentance:

- In many ways its been a word thats been weaponized against us
- It's a word that mean christians have used to scare a generation
- People holding picket signs scream at you to repent to avoid the wrath of God
- But repentance is simply an invitation into the presence of a loving God
- Its an invitation where jesus is saying "Here i have a way out for you"
- Turn from your old ways

- Repentance is not hiding from the hand of God in fear its reaching for it for freedom

Repentance is running to God because you need your father not running from him because you're scared he will be mad

As the story unfolds we see that David ends up marrying Bathsheba

- And the bible tells us that David and Bathsheba end up having four sons
- One of those sons is a boy who they named Solomon

Solomon grows up to become David's successor and becomes Israel's greatest king

- Out of the relationship that should have been David's biggest curse
- Came the greatest king of israel

Solomon was the curse that became King

- David's greatest curse becomes Israel's greatest king

Out for the kindness of God - What should have been the end of David's story became the beginning of a beautiful one.

Solomon's accomplishments

- He builds the great temple for the spirit of the Lord to dwell
- He rebuilds cities all over israel
- He becomes the richest king of all time
- And the bible calls him the wisest man to ever live
- He is credited with writing 3000 individual proverbs and many parts of psalms
- Under his rule Israel flourished

Do you know why this is?

- It's because God can use your biggest mistake and turn it into a blessing to others
- Your mistakes are your ministry
- Your mess ups are your message
- Your testimony is someones healing

How how is this possible

- How can God use my filth

- How can God use the darkest places of my life
- How can God use any parts of me and turn into good
- Why would he do that

POINT 3: LET ME TELL YOU -

A curse can become king ONLY BECAUSE We have a king who was willing to become a curse

For it is written in Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—

We are no longer bound to the things that kept us down

- We are no longer bound to the curses in our life to sin
- But instead we have been set free

Because our king was willing to carry the curse of sin

- He was willing to be beaten and bruised for it
- So that I didn't have to
- What kind of king would do this
- What kind of king would give his life for the guilty

I came here today not to scream from the rooftops that you are a dirty sinner

- I came today to infuse hope into you
- To remind you
- The blood of Jesus can and has set you free
- And your mistakes
- Your failures
- Your sin
- Don't get to write the story

David's story shows us that only the world wants to cancel you for your past, wants to label you by your mistakes

- But Jesus says I will cast your sins into the deepest depths of the ocean and never remember them again

This is the good news of the gospel

- I do not have to be bound to what I was once bound to
- I do not have to be cursed by what I was once cursed by
- BUt my sin can be taken from me
- AND the grace of God can use it to reach a multitude of people

No one else can set you free

- No one else can heal your wounds
- No one else can take a curse and make it a king
- No one else can do it redeem

I believe there are non christians and christians alike who are in this room still thinking about what cursed them

- Still stuck in their past
- Still bound in sin
- Still feeling the weight of shame
- Many have no idea where to even begin
- You found yourself way to deep

But I want to throw you the life line of repentance

Do you know what a riptide is? Its a powerful current that will pull you out to sea

- But did you know many people that die in riptides die not from being dragged out
- But they die from fighting the current
- Swimming hard but never moving
- When life guards go to save these people caught in riptides
- They throw out a life line
- And when you grab it they pull you out of the tide

This morning Jesus is throwing you a lifeline

- He is saying here it is
- Repent
- Come to me
- Leave the things that have you stuck
- Swimming in the same place
- Its drowning you

The street lights are on - it's time to come home

