

THE STORY



THE TRIALS OF A KING

II Samuel 11-12

CHOICES HAVE CONSEQUENCES (II Samuel 11:1-5)

1. David stays _____

2. David chooses _____

3. David's lust leads to _____

When we stumble in sin, we can choose to...

_____ our sin

_____ in sin

_____ our sin

CONCEALING SIN (II Samuel 11:6-13)

CONTINUING IN SIN (II Samuel 11:14-17)

"But the thing David had done displeased the LORD."

II Samuel 11:27

The choices you make, _____ you.

*"Blessed are those who do not **walk** in step with the wicked or **stand** in the way that sinners take or **sit** in the company of mockers, but who delight in the law of the LORD and meditate on his law day and night."*

Psalm 1:1-2

CONFESSING SIN (II Samuel 12:1-14; Psalm 32)

*"Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love...
Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit in me."*

(Psalm 51)

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Chapter 12: The Trials of a King

Sermon on May 8, 2022

Introductory Video Link: <https://bit.ly/CH12TrialsKing>

Getting to Know Me

1. What's the craziest thing you did as a child that your parents still don't know about (or you think they don't)?

Digging Deeper

1. What insight or observation from Sunday's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, or challenging? Why?
2. Read together 2 Samuel 11:1-6, 15. What *small* steps did David take that led to him committing those *big* sins? What could David have done to break away from this progression before he fell into sin?
3. Read together Psalm 32:1-5. How does concealing your sin make you feel? How does confessing your sins and forgiveness make you feel?
4. Read together 1 John 1:9. Is forgiveness and cleansing a promise? How valuable is this promise to you?
5. Read together 2 Samuel 12:13-14. Do you think we still have consequences for our choices even though we are forgiven? Why do you think David was punished for his sin even after he confessed to God and was forgiven?

6. Read Psalm 51:1-12 (the prayer written by David after Nathan confronted David about his sin). Who did David say he sinned against? Though David did much, including murder, to conceal his sin from the world, was David's sin ever concealed from God?
7. David moved from despair to confession, resulting in forgiveness and cleansing, and leading to worship then generosity. Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-14. Where are you in this progression? Why do you think the last part of this chapter speaks of all David gave to God for the establishment of His temple?
8. Where do you see whispers of Jesus in this chapter of the story?

Where Do I Go from Here?

9. What causes us to try to conceal our sin? What are some consequences of concealing the wrong we have done? Are those consequences worth it? Is God ever fooled?
10. All of us have things that trigger sin in our lives. Do you know what some of your triggers are? Do you need to step away from something now that may be leading to something you know you should not do? Who is a trusted person you can open up and be accountable to?

Prayer

Spend time in quiet confession. Praise God for cleansing you from all sin. Ask God to renew your heart and renew a right spirit within you. Consider praying Psalm 51 aloud together.

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conceal our sin
continue in sin
confess our sin

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