

"David's Failures"

2 Samuel 11:1 - 12:15

Introduction: There is the failure of not consistently doing what we are called to do (personal discipline); and then there is the failure of our human flesh because we are in the wrong place and the devil has us in his grasp. Both are failures, but one of them has more collateral consequences.

Relational Failure - 2 Samuel 11:1-5 -

Precept: When I sin God is determined to expose my sin and waits for my confession and repentance.; because he wants to forgive me, be reconciled to me and restore me. (Hebrews 12:6).

Summary: Sin has two qualities; patterns are designated as "iniquity" in the Old Testament and aberrations are simply referred to as "sin, transgression". (Psalm 51:1b-2, 9)

Collateral Consequences - 2 Samuel 11:6-27

Summary: Hebrews 12:3-11 - I am disciplined by humans and that can be good or it can be very traumatic; but when God disciplines me it is always perfect and when I respond by turning from my ways and following the Lord in obedience and submission the results are God honoring.

Confrontational Love - 2 Samuel 12:1-13

Precept: When I sin, my first internal response is to protect myself from what 'people' think. But that is a sign that I have not truly repented. Biblical repentance only cares about how God sees me and when how people see me is more important than how God sees me, I have not truly repented.

Summary: Sin has consequences; sin's consequences are always more than our sin; sin's consequences follow our sin; sin's consequences always seem greater than our sin; the consequences of our sin are ordered by the Lord because he loves us—avoid the consequences, obey the Lord and battle your sin.

Conclusion: In 2 Samuel 11 we learn about safety. David is the one in real danger, not by outside forces pushing in, but by inside forces trying to overwhelm him. Men, guard your eyes, look away from lustful pictures, billboards, TV advertising, internet images and walk away from other guys who tell off color jokes and make nasty references regarding women and even their wives.

There are some interesting similarities with the Garden of Eden, the woman saw the fruit, it was delightful to her eyes, she desired it, she took it and she ate it. David did the very same thing, the same way and the devil laughed. Sex outside of a one man/one woman marriage is always wrong and it has real consequences. (1 Corinthians 6:18, James 1:14-15)

The consequences of Adam's sin and the consequences of David's sin were enormous; and the consequences of Jesus' obedience is just as consequential and enormous. Romans 5:18-19