

David Falls

Pastor Jeff Bucknam | 2 Samuel 11:1-27, 2 Samuel 12:16-25

ICE BREAKER:

What sport would you compete in if you were in the Olympics?

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT IN CONTEXT:

How do David's choices throughout the chapter move him step by step deeper into sin?

CONNECTING TO JESUS AND HIS GOSPEL:

How does Christ meet us in our sin? Read 1 John 1:9. What should our response be to Christ?

LIVING OUT THE TRUTH:

Spiritual complacency often precedes temptation. Where is your guard down towards sin? What concessions do you excuse as "not a big deal" (late nights, drifting routines, unwise environments) that quietly open doors?

Sin escalates when repentance is delayed and rationalization takes over. Are you treating sin like it can be managed, rather than a cancer that must be cut out? Where do you sense an "off-ramp" God is giving you right now to stop, confess, and turn back?

As we see expressed in David's Psalm 51, no stage of sin is beyond the reach of repentance and mercy. What is keeping you from honest confession and turning back to God today?

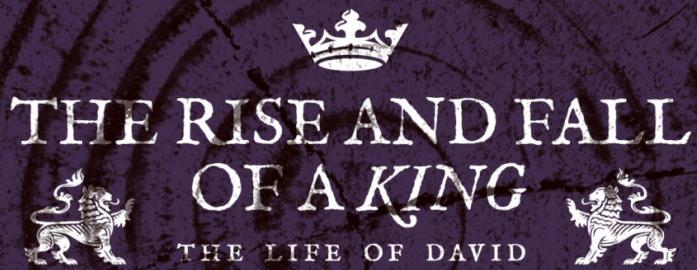
PARENTING MOMENT AND FAMILY FOCUS:

For kids resources on teaching about sin see the section below on Further Study.

Spouses: is there anywhere in your life where you haven't been fully honest or transparent with your spouse? Read James 5:16 and Ephesians 5:8-13. There is spiritual healing that comes from confessing sin to God and to one another. Prayerfully consider having a conversation with your spouse. Are there any boundaries that need to be put in place with members of the opposite sex to protect your marriage?

FURTHER STUDY:

Though written with kids in mind, some very helpful insight for young and old alike: read 'How Stories Teach Kids about Sin' at Crossway.org. Also at Crossway.org, read 'Make Psalm 51 Yours.'



**THE RISE AND FALL
OF A KING**
THE LIFE OF DAVID

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S SERMON:

Rise and Fall of a King – Absalom

2 Samuel 15:1-12, 18:24-33 — February 14/15

This page gets us into the text for the next sermon. The more familiarity we have with God's Word, the better we can see God and all that He has for us.

In the days leading up to next weekend, set aside a few minutes to read the text and reflect on these questions. A prayer to start: 'Open my eyes that I may behold wonderful things out of your law' - Psalm 119:18

- 1. From 2 Sam 15:1-6, describe the ways that Absalom 'stole the hearts of the men of Israel' (v. 6). How did Absalom win over so many?**
- 2. How does Absalom further rally people to his side (and away from David) in verses 7-12?**
- 3. Describe the depth of David's emotion in 2 Sam 18:24-33**
- 4. What in this text confuses you?**
- 5. What in this text compels you?**
- 6. Read Psalm 3: 'A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son'**