

DAVID & TRIALS OF A KING

THE
STORY

CHAPTER 12

The Reign of David



The
second
king in
the United
Kingdom

David and Ish-bosheth

- David receives news of the deaths of Saul and Jonathan. He mourns.
(2 Samuel 1:19-27)
- He goes to Hebron where the tribe of Judah appoints him to be their king.
(2 Samuel 1-7)
- Saul's captain, Abner, appoints Ish-bosheth as king over Israel. **(2 Samuel 2:8-11)**
- War erupts. Ish-bosheth is slain and David rules all Israel. **(2 Samuel 5:1-5)**

David the King

- David enjoys continued military success. **(2 Samuel 5:6-20)** The capital moves to Jerusalem, where the royal palace is built.
- David decides to move the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. They use the wrong mode of transportation. **(2 Samuel 6:1-10)**
- The Ark stays at Obed-edom's house for three months; is then brought back (correctly) by the Levite priests. **(2 Samuel 6:11-15)**
- Michal despises David; therefore, she would have no children. **(2 Samuel 6:16-23)**

David Desires to Build a Temple

- David was richly blessed, and he wanted to build a temple for God. **(2 Samuel 7:1-7)**
- David would not be allowed to build the temple, but God gave prophecies concerning him. **(2 Samuel 7:12-17)**
- In his old age God would allow David to set aside gold and silver for the house, which Solomon would build. **(2 Samuel 7:18-29)**
- David expands the kingdom of Israel. **(2 Samuel 8-10)**

1. After reading Chapter 12 — what is the lower story?

David Commits Adultery

- One evening while in the royal palace, David sees a beautiful woman (Bathsheba) bathing. **(2 Samuel 11:1,2)**
- Bathsheba is with child, and David's seeks to cover his sins. **(2 Samuel 11:5-25)**
- David marries Bathsheba. **(2 Samuel 11:26,27)**
- God sends Nathan the prophet with a story for David. **(2 Samuel 12:1-12)**

David's Punishment

- David repents of his sins.
(**2 Samuel 12:13,14**)
- He receives two punishments.
 - The child conceived would die.
 - The sword would never depart from his house. (**2 Samuel 12:14-23**)
- David's prayer for mercy. (**Psalms 51**)
- David and Bathsheba have another son—
Solomon. (**2 Samuel 12:24,25**)

Facts

- Each of us has something inside of us that desires to do wrong
- Our lack of goodness and godliness, affects others
- There are always consequences to our choices

David

- **He had it all**
 - **Everything he does is successful**
 - **Defeats his enemies every time**
 - **He is compassionate and kind to Mephibosheth**
- **But**
 - **2 Samuel 11**
 - **David leaves his guard down**
 - **Tragic choices – Worldly thinking → Pivotal shift in life**

David sins & attempts to cover it up

2 SAMUEL 11

- **Does not go with his men in battle**
 - **Commits adultery with Bathsheba**
 - **Uriah – military leader – husband**
- **David calls Uriah home**
 - **Wants him to sleep with Bathsheba**
 - **Uriah is a man of integrity**
 - **Refuses as long as his men are at risk**
- **David arranges for Uriah to be killed**
- **David marries Bathsheba**

David had covered his sin

All is back to normal

God's normal is not like our
normal

SINS IN DARK - REVEALED BY THE LIGHT

- Exposed by God thru Nathan
 - Nathan – a Prophet
 - Exposes David's sin in private
- David
 - Unlike Saul – take responsibility for his sin
 - Confesses to God
- Psalm 51

Psalm 51

- **¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.”**
- **¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.’**
- **¹⁸ May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.”**

David ~ Sin ~ Consequences

- In his personal life
 - Baby dies later Solomon born
 - David's daughter is raped by brother
 - Absalom rebels

David ~ Sin ~ Consequences

- In his kingdom
 - David flees in exile from Absalom
 - Absalom dies (hair-raising experience)
 - David's other son (Joab) causes major rebellion

Thru everything

David bears the tragedy & turmoil with
dignity

David's relationship with God is
restored

Grace

When We Sin

- *Admit our sin - be honest with the Lord*
- *Live with the consequences with dignity*
- *Experience the restoring and forgiving
grace of God*

Seek the Heart & Mind of God

Think of those "outsiders" who God forgave
– restored and used in His family lineage

Rahab

Ruth

Bathsheba

Tamar