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FALL SERIES 2025 – WEEK 8

SIN HAS CONSEQUENCES

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– 2 Samuel 20:3 ESV

- **Last week**

And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went. – 2 Samuel 8:14 ESV

- David's greatest **successes** were followed by his greatest **failure**
- His **military prowess** was overshadowed by his **moral weakness**

Then David sent messengers to get her [Bathsheba]; and when she came to the palace, he slept with her....Then she returned home. Later, when Bathsheba discovered that she was pregnant, she sent David a message, saying, "I'm pregnant." – 2 Samuel 11:4, 5 NLT

When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. When the period of mourning was over, David sent for her and brought her to the palace, and she became one of his wives. – 2 Samuel 11:26-27 NLT

Then she gave birth to a son. But the LORD was displeased with what David had done. – 2 Samuel 11:27

- Did David have a **sex addiction**?
- Or a dynasty **fixation**?
- His obsession with the opposite sex came with consequences

David comforted Bathsheba, his wife, and slept with her. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son, and David named him Solomon. – 2 Samuel 11:24 NLT

*These are the sons who were born to David in Hebron: The oldest was **Amnon**, whose mother was Ahinoam from Jezreel. The second was Daniel, whose mother was Abigail, the widow of Nabal from Carmel. The third was **Absalom**, whose mother was Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur. The fourth was Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith. The fifth was Shephatiah, whose mother was Abital. The sixth was Ithream, whose mother was Eglah, David's wife. – 2 Samuel 3:2-5 NLT*

- Seven wives and 7 sons
 - David was siring his future legacy
 - And sowing the seeds of rebellion
- Remember God's warning:

"This is what the LORD says: Because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you. I will give your wives to another man before your very eyes, and he will go to bed with them in public view. You did it secretly, but I will make this happen to you openly in the sight of all Israel." – 2 Samuel 12:11-12 NLT
- David was in violation of God's will

*"...you may indeed set a king over you whom the Lord your God will choose. And **he shall not acquire many wives for himself**, lest his heart turn away." – Deuteronomy 17:15, 17 ESV*

- **The sins of the father**

- Sin has a long-term impact
 - David's adultery was forgiven
...but his infant son died
 - David's polygamy was tolerated
...but it would prove costly

*Now **Absalom**, David's son, had a beautiful sister, whose name was **Tamar**. And after a time **Amnon**, David's son, loved her. And Amnon was so tormented that he made himself ill because of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin, and it seemed impossible to Amnon to do anything to her. – 2 Samuel 13:1-2 ESV*

- A recipe for disaster
 - A hyper-blended family
 - Far-from-perfect parenting
 - Spoiled adult children
 - And sinful sibling rivalries
- A sordid soap opera
 - Amnon "loved" his half-sister Tamar
 - He was overly obsessed with her
 - To the point of sickness

CHAPTER 13

- Amnon lusted after Tamar, his half-sister

- With a friend's help, he devised a plan to take advantage of her
- He deceived his own father, making him complicit in the matter
- After having raped her, he treated her with contempt
- DAVID WAS ANGRY BUT DID NOTHING! (2 Samuel 13:21)
- By law, he should have ordered their marriage (Deuteronomy 22:28-29)
- He remained silent about the matter (2 Samuel 13:22)

TWO YEARS GO BY

- Discouraged by David's inaction, Absalom plotted his revenge
 - He threw a party for his brothers and invited Amnon
 - AND DAVID GAVE HIS BLESSING!
 - Absalom ordered Amnon's death and DAVID DID NOTHING!
 - The penalty should have been death (Deuteronomy 19:11-13)
 - Absalom flees to Geshur where he would live for 3 years
 - He mourned for Absalom, but DID NOTHING TO SEE THAT JUSTICE WAS DONE

CHAPTER 14

- Joab saw that David mourned the loss of Absalom
 - So, he came up with a plan for his return
 - He used deception to pull it off
 - David acquiesced and allowed Absalom to return
 - But he put him under house arrest and refused to see him
 - This further exasperated Absalom

ANOTHER 3 YEARS WOULD GO BY

- Absalom tried to get an audience with the king, but David refused to meet
- Absalom appealed to Joab, but Joab ignored him
- So, Absalom had Joab's crops burned
- That got Joab's attention, and, ultimately, David's pardon

CHAPTER 15

- Absalom begins to plan a coup
 - He methodically plans his overthrow of David's rule
 - He begins a public relations campaign to win support among the people
 - DAVID CONTINUES TO DO NOTHING
 - Eventually, Absalom launches a successful coup
 - BUT RATHER THAN FIGHT BACK, DAVID VACATES JERUSALEM

CHAPTER 18

- A battle ensues between David's forces and those of Absalom
 - David orders that Absalom is to be spared
 - But Joab takes matters into his hands and murders Absalom
 - Rather than rejoice, David goes into mourning
 - His kingdom had been spared, but he could only weep over Absalom's death

- **Man's depravity & God's sovereignty**

- Not one redeeming character

As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous—not even one." – Romans 3:10 NLT

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. – Romans 3:23 NLT

- Driven by **uncontrollable lust**...
... Amnon raped his half-sister
- Driven by **shame**...
...Tamar hid her condition from David
- Driven by **anger** and **revenge**...
...Absalom murdered his half-brother
- Driven by **complacency**...
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- Driven by **selfish motivation**...
...Joab tempted David to disobey God
- Driven by **pride** and **arrogance**...
...Absalom took what was not his to have
- Driven by **vengeance**...
...Joab played God and killed Absalom
- Driven by **self-pity**...
...David failed to see the hand of God

*The king was overcome with emotion. He went up to the room over the gateway and burst into tears. And as he went, he cried, "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! **If only I had died instead of you! O Absalom, my son, my son.**" – 2 Samuel 18:33 NLT*

- **Ungratefulness for God's faithfulness**

- David's kingdom had been **preserved**

But he...

...**disdained** God's **deliverance**
 ...**disobeyed** God's law
 ...**disregarded** the gravity of sin
 ...**dismissed** his sons' behavior
 ...**disrespected** God's mercy and grace
 ...and **disheartened** God's people

*Word soon reached Joab that the king was weeping and mourning for Absalom. As all the people heard of the king's deep grief for his son, the joy of that day's victory was turned into deep sadness. They crept back into the town that day as though they were ashamed and had deserted in battle. **The king covered his face with his hands and kept on crying, "O my son Absalom! O Absalom, my son, my son!"** – 2 Samuel 19:1-4 NLT*

- Time heals all wounds, but sometimes words help
*Better is open rebuke
 than hidden love.*
Faithful are the wounds of a friend... – Proverbs 5:6 ESV

From the lips of Joab:

*“You have today covered with shame the faces of all your servants, who have this day saved your life and the lives of your sons and your daughters and the lives of your wives and your concubines, because **you love those who hate you and hate those who love you.** For you have made it clear today that commanders and servants are nothing to you, for today **I know that if Absalom were alive and all of us were dead today, then you would be pleased.** Now therefore arise, go out and speak kindly to your servants, for I swear by the LORD, if you do not go, not a man will stay with you this night, and this will be worse for you than all the evil that has come upon you from your youth until now.” – 2 Samuel 19:5- 7 ESV*

- Joab read David the riot act
 - A much-needed wake-up call
 - A loving rebuke
 - A compassionate confrontation
- And it made a lasting impact

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

3 O LORD, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;

2 many are saying of my soul,

“There is no salvation for him in God.” Selah

*3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
 my glory, and the lifter of my head.*

*4 I cried aloud to the LORD,
 and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah*

*5 I lay down and slept;
 I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.*

*6 I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
 who have set themselves against me all around.*

7 Arise, O LORD!

Save me, O my God!

*For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
 you break the teeth of the wicked.*

*8 Salvation belongs to the LORD;
 your blessing be on your people! – Psalm 3 ESV*

- **David learned a painful, but powerful lesson**
 - The Sovereign Savior always shows up
 - There’s no mess David could make that God couldn’t transform
 - For his good and God’s glory

- God's will for David would be done
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Here's what happened:

"Go and sleep with your father's concubines, for he has left them here to look after the palace. Then all Israel will know that you have insulted your father beyond hope of reconciliation, and they will throw their support to you." So they set up a tent on the palace roof where everyone could see it, and Absalom went in and had sex with his father's concubines. – 2 Samuel 16:21-22 NLT

- All in fulfillment of God's word
- David's sins were costly and contagious
...*sin when it is fully grown **brings forth death.*** – James 1:15 ESV
- Sin always results in **suffering** and **sorrow**
- And requires **repentance**
- As well as **restitution** and **restoration**

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Discussion Questions

What are some high prices you have had to pay for past sins? Who was negatively impacted by your disobedience to God?

Discuss some ways in which the Sovereign Savior has shown up in your life?

Go back and look at Psalm 3. How do David's words provide us with hope and a better way of viewing God's involvement in the messes we tend to make?



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FALL SERIES 2025 – WEEK 9 HOMEWORK

WEEK 9 – A HOUSE DIVIDED

David's ongoing grief over the death of Absalom had a detrimental effect on the entire nation and required the intervention of Joab. Once again, we see David refusing to take control of the situation and allowing things to spiral out of control. His lack of leadership and indecision led to yet another conflict within his kingdom. In these chapters, we gain an unflattering glimpse of what happens when God is left out and His people end up living ungodly lives. And yet, this section ends with David singing a song of praise to Yahweh.

PASSAGE: 2 Samuel 19-22

DEVOTIONARY™: Pages 311-348

Psalm 4, 18

- Take time to do the Devotional™ reading for this week or use the audio file to listen to the readings as you drive in your car.
- We looked at the opening verses of chapter 19 in last week's lesson. But according to verses 8-15, what were David's first official acts on returning to Jerusalem, and why are they significant?
- Read verses 16-43 of Chapter 19. Describe what you think is going on in these verses. What do all the machinations of these various individuals and tribes reveal about the state of David's kingdom and his authority as king?

What steps does David take to remedy the instability and potential disunity of his reign?

What evidence do you see that David's past actions had harmed his reputation and undermined the people's trust in his leadership?

- What happens in Chapter 20 that further illustrates the unsteady state of David's reign?

How do all these incidents support the idea that our sins have consequences?

- Read 2 Samuel 21:1-14. How do the past sins of Saul raise their ugly head in these verses, and what steps does David take to remedy them?
- Now read 2 Samuel 21:15-22. These verses recount a little-known interaction between David and some of Goliath's relatives. What do you find significant about verse 18? What does this statement reveal about their view of David?
- Spend some time looking over Chapter 22, which contains David's "Song of Deliverance" to Yahweh. Write down any phrases or words that David uses that provide insight into his understanding of God.

Spend some time considering how you might weave these ideas about God into your own prayer life. Why do you think we fail to see God as David did?