

11am Bible Study:
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Topic: God's Displeasure, Forgiveness, & Consequences

Series Title: That's My King!

Chapters: 2 Sam. 11-12 **Aug. 27th, 2025**

Key Text: 2 Sam. 11:27b, 27b ...But the thing that David had done *displeased the LORD*.

1080 B.C.	1052 B.C.	1010 B.C.	970 B.C.	970 B.C.	930 B.C.
Birth of Samuel	Saul Reigns as King	David Reigns as King	Solomon Reigns as King	Approximate date for writing of 1&2 Samuel	Division of the Kingdom

Let's Learn From:

1. Intentional Sin – 2 Sam. 11:3-4

Question for Dialogue: When the flesh lusts against the Spirit and we haven't been walking in the Spirit, we typically give in to sin because we're in a weakened state due to relying on our own strength, most likely due to pride or pursuit of self-will instead of God's will (*Galatians 5:16-17*). David got prideful and arrogant and sinned by choosing his will over God's will. *When was the last time you became prideful and arrogant and sinned by choosing your will over God's will? What was it? If it's too personal and difficult to share in this setting, just jot it down on your paper or bookmark it in your memory. If there's something that isn't too heavy and revealing that can be shared in this setting, please do. If not, make sure to fully understand how & why you chose the sin. Understanding it is the first step to not repeating what led to the sin.*

2. Sin Is and Will Be Exposed – 2 Sam. 11:5 (pregnancy), 12:7 ("you are the man!")

Question for Dialogue: God sees every sin we commit, and when God wants it to be exposed to others, there isn't anything we can do to stop it from being exposed. God doesn't want us to **live in fear** because **2 Timothy 1:7** says "he hasn't given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a "sound-mind(NKJV)" (NLT&NIV- "self-discipline", CSB "sound-judgment") Not doing something God has commanded you to do, or has been leading you to do is also sin, which is a sin of "*omission*." *What is something that's been weighing on you due to God's leading that you haven't accepted and need help in obeying?*

3. Error of Trying to Cover-up Sin – 2 Sam. 11:8(go home sleep), 13(made him drunk), 15 (kill him), 27(marries her)

Question for Dialogue: There's a cliché saying that has truth, which is "when you tell one lie, you have to tell another one to cover it up." This can lead to a vicious cycle that will enslave you to remain outside of God's will. The only way to freedom is to admit the truth and repent. **Covering up, hiding, and finding our own way** to resolve our issues and sins goes back to Genesis with Adam and Eve's use of fig leaves to cover their nakedness, which was insufficient (Genesis 3:7-8). *When did you discover that your way of dealing with your issues and sins was inadequate? How did you get delivered from it and choose to follow Jesus' way?*

4. Repentance – 2 Sam. 11(**1st** -missed repentance after act v.4 - you know he was convicted, **2nd** -missed repentance after pregnancy v.5 - something should have told him God wasn't pleased, **3rd** -missed repentance after the excellent character of Uriah contrasted with his wicked character v.9-11,13, **4th** - missed repentance after Uriah's death v.24, **5th** - missed repentance as Bathsheba mourned for her husband's death) - These **5 things** should have moved him to **repent**. **David doesn't repent until he's exposed** - 12:13, **David's Prideful Census: After securing the results** - 24:10 he responds to God's conviction and repents, yet there were still tragic consequences.

Question for Dialogue: We serve a God who's willing to forgive our sins, and "remember them no more (*Hebrews 8:12 & Jeremiah 31:34, Isaiah 43:25*)," yet we don't fully understand **His outstanding and unmatched love for us**. His love is so much more profound and holier than our love for others. Although we will forgive others at God's command, we will never forget, even if we try, because our fallen nature has a way of reminding us of past faults done to us. God isn't even going to bring up our past sins at the Judgment Seat of Christ, because **Romans 8:1** teaches us that **"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."** *2 Corinthians 5:10* speaks about giving an account at the judgement for "good or bad," with bad being **the believer's disobedience to the good works (sharing Jesus with others, participating in compassion ministries, etc.) that God desired us to do in life (Ephesians 2:10)**. That's why Paul says in *2 Corinthians 5:11, NKJV*, *"Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;"* (referring to Paul's sharing the path to salvation in Christ with others.) *2 Corinthians 5:11, NLT*, notes, *"11 Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others."* **Our level of rewards in heaven will depend on our obedience to God's leading to share Jesus with and serve others in this life**. If you need to repent for not actively sharing the pathway to salvation in Jesus with others, please repent, because you'll give an account on **Judgment Day** for what you did with Jesus. **What do you believe are some steps that you can take to be intentional about sharing your faith in Christ with others in a way that matches your personality?**

5. Consequences – 2 Sam. 12:10,11,12,18 (Rape of Tamar 13:11-14, Murder of Ammon 13:28-29, Murder of Absalom 18:15, Absalom's violation 16:22, Murder of Adonijah after Solomon was anointed King)

Question for Dialogue: Just because God will forgive and forget our sins, doesn't mean that we won't **be disciplined** for them (*2 Samuel 7:14-15, Hebrews 12:5-8, 10-11, Proverbs 3:11-12*). God knows each of us fully, and He knows exactly the type of discipline to send our way **to get our attention**. God's discipline can be seen like a detour off a bad road; **if we don't turn around when we're disciplined, our lives can drive off a cliff, leading to our death or the death of those close to us**. Non-believers who don't respond to life's consequences, tragically, in addition to experiencing physical death, **will also experience eternal death**, being forever separated from God (*Galatians 6:7-10*). **What was an eye-opening consequence that got your attention and caused you to repent from your way of living and pursue Jesus' way of living?**
