

THE SWORD UNLEASHED ON DAVID'S HOUSE

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OUR MESS, GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

2 SAMUEL 11-19

FOR **CHILDREN**:

Set up your own falling domino design. When you're ready, show it off by toppling the first domino.

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? Clean out the old leaven that you may be a new lump." He was trying to explain to them that their sins were having a negative effect on their church family. It was important then, that they submit to God's work of sanctification.

God can forgive our sins, but those sins still have negative consequences for us AND others. Choose to act according to God's will, and you can bless others instead!

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE:

Delight yourself in the Lord;
And He will give you the desires of your heart.

PSALM 37:4

FOR THE **GROWING** CHRISTIAN:

With the armor of God and Christ's power you are able to stand victorious over the temptation of lust (in any form).

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-20. David's lust kept him from seeing how greatly God had blessed him. Protect against lust by keeping track of God's blessings to you each day. Record them in a journal and/or in prayer.

Remember also Jesus' suggestion to recognize your daily dependence on God in prayer (Matthew 6:11). Lust narrows our focus to obsess over something that is not ours. Instead, trust that God has already provided you with more than you need, and will continue to provide for you in the future.

Read Psalm 107:9; Proverbs 19:23; 20:7; Matthew 6:33 daily.

FOR THE **MATURE** CHRISTIAN:

Who are the individuals - past & present - that have helped you grow in your discipleship of Christ? Think of a different one each day and the fruit of their investment in your life. Read through the following scriptures this week: Psalm 78:5-8; 2 Timothy 1:5; 3 John 1:3-4; Matthew 6:19-21.

David's sin left a rippling effect of negative consequences, yet he is still remembered as a man after God's own heart. David also left good examples of courage, integrity and trust. The scriptures above have to do with passing on a rippling effect of godliness and righteousness, not only in one's biological family, but also in one's spiritual family (the church family).

Prayerfully consider what action you can take in the next year to be intentional about investing in the lives of the children of your church family and community. Start a ripple of righteousness!

JUNE 2024 GROWTH GOALS

- 👑 Read the Book of 2 Samuel
- 👑 Memorize one of the weekly memory verses
- 👑 Watch the Bible Project video on the Book of 2 Samuel (available on the website).
- 👑 Listen to or sing a praise song as part of your private devotion time each week (you may consider lifting your hands, dancing, etc.).

WEEKLY AFFIRMATION:

**LUST'S PROMISES
ARE A LIE.
GOD'S PROMISES
ARE TRUE!**