



DAVID

PORTRAIT OF A KING

Week 5: David & Bathsheba

NOTE—This might be a great week for you to divide up into guys and gals at the end for prayer. Some of those in your group might be struggling with sin and be in danger of ruining their lives. After the discussion give them an opportunity to get help by sharing the temptations they face and then praying for one another.

GET GOING

Learning about David's downfall is like watching a car crash in slow motion. Even though it might come as a surprise to us, it did not happen suddenly. David's success fed into some poor decisions, his disengagement led to looking for sin, and sin eventually brought about a whole world of consequences. Like David, we always reach the bottom one step at a time.

DISCUSS

1. What's the worst accident you have ever witnessed?
2. Just like no one plans to get in an accident, no one plans to ruin their lives. We get there by taking steps down a road we shouldn't even be on. In David's life it was disengagement. **Why do you think we disengage? What behaviors reveal that we have checked out?**
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 10:11-13. According to verse 11, why were the stories in the Old Testament recorded?** (Answer: As a warning to help us not make the same mistakes.) **Was there in anyone in your early years whose mistakes you have learned from?**
4. **Why do you think Paul says in verse 12, "So, if you think are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!"** (Possible answer: We are not always on our guard when things are going well.)
5. **Read verse 13 again. There is a lot of truth packed into this one verse. What do you notice from this passage?**
6. Paul points out that everyone faces temptation. **Why do you think it is important to know that we are not the only one being tempted this way?** (Possible Answer: Shame separates us from the help we need.)
7. **Verse 13 contains a significant promise. What is it?** (Answer: we never have to sin because God will always provide a way of escape.) **What are some of the "emergency escapes" God offers?** (Possible Answers: Truth from the Bible, the conviction of the Holy Spirit, the help of a friend, an interruption, etc.)

8. What has helped you overcome temptation in the past?

WRAP IT UP

Sometimes we think “It could never happen to me.” But David’s life stands as a powerful warning to stay diligent. Or you could be saying, “It did happen to me.” The incredible thing is that God forgave David and still used him, mistakes and all, to bring about the greatest good the world has ever seen: Jesus Christ.