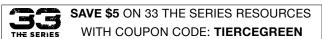
TALK ABOUT IT

- 1. How have you experienced the principle and process of "Crawl-Walk-Run" in your life, career, or ministry?
- 2. How do you think King David arrived at a place in his life where he could commit adultery with Bathsheba and then try and cover it up by arranging for the murder of Uriah?
- 3. What are some ways we try to hide, cover up, or "spin" circumstances instead of dealing with our sin?
- 4. What does it mean to have a broken and contrite heart?
- 5. How have you experienced the promise of 1 John 1:9? (If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.)
- 6. A personal question: How do you need to respond to unconfessed sin in your life?







AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF DAVID

God testified concerning him:
"I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart.
He will do everything I want him to do."

Acts 13:22 (ref, 1 Samuel 13:14)

LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP: CRAWL - WALK - RUN

◆ FROM DEFENDING SHEEP TO DEFEATING GOLIATH

1 Samuel 17:34-54 // " ... ³⁴ David said to Saul, 'Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God' ... "

SUCCESS IN LEADING A NATION

Psalms 78:72 // "He cared for them with a true heart and led them with skillful hands."

FAILURE AS A MAN & A KING

1 Samuel 11:1-27 // " ... 27 the thing David had done displeased the Lord."

CONFRONTATION & RESTORATION

1 Samuel 12:1-25 // " ... ¹⁰ 'The sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own'... ¹³ Then David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Nathan replied, 'The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. ¹⁴ But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the Lord, the son born to you will die' ... "

LESSONS IN FORGIVENESS: GOD'S UNFAILING LOVE (PSALM 51)

THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY SIN

•	SIN MAKES US FEEL
	Psalm 51:1-2 // "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my \sin ."
•	SIN HINDERS OUR
	Psalm 51:3 // "For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me."

SIN AFFECTS OUR HEARING & CRUSHES OUR CONFIDENCE

Psalm 51:8 // "Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice."

SIN MAKES US FEEL

Psalm 51:11 // "Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me."

SIN ROBS US OF THE JOY OF OUR

Psalm 51:12 // "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."

SIN DAMAGES OUR CREDIBILITY

Psalm 51:13 // "Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you."

SIN CONTAMINATES OUR

Psalm 51:14-15 // "Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise."

◆ TRUE REPENTANCE

RELIGION & OFFERINGS CAN'T FIX THINGS

Psalm 51:1-2 // Psalm 51:16 // "You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings."

AN ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE: A BROKEN & CONTRITE HEART

Psalm 51:17 // "My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise."

PROPER CONFESSION

Proper confession will always glorify God and encourage others.

James 5:16 // "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

- PRIVATE: Take care of it privately between you and God. (Seek accountability for help with habitual sin.)
- PERSONAL: Take care of it personally between you and those who were offended.
- PUBLIC: Confess it publicly as God leads.

A PROMISE

1 John 1:9 // "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."