

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?

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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."