

David and Bathsheba  
Psalm 51

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I. Desire, Sin, Death. **2 Samuel 11-12**

**James 1:14-15** But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

- “If you are idle, be not \_\_\_\_\_; if you are solitary, be not \_\_\_\_\_.” (Samuel Johnson)

**2 Samuel 11:27** ... But the thing that David had done \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

II. A Prayer of Repentance. **Psalm 51:1-13**

“God does not permit His children to sin successfully.” (Spurgeon)

- “Men are greatly terrified at the multitude of their sins, but here is a comfort – our God hath multitude of \_\_\_\_\_. If our sins be in number as the hairs of our head, God’s mercies are as the stars of heaven; and as He is an infinite God, so His mercies are \_\_\_\_\_; so far are His mercies above our sins, as He Himself is above us poor sinners.” (Symson)

**1 John 1:10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

III. A Man After God’s Own Heart.

David made his way to the place of confession and \_\_\_\_\_.

- God wants your heart, not \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ezekiel 36:26** I will give you a new \_\_\_\_\_ and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

IV. Practical Application. **Psalm 32**

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- “Sin is dark, dangerous, damnable: but it cannot staunch the love of God; it cannot change the love that is not of yesterday, but dates from \_\_\_\_\_ itself.” (F.B. Meyer)

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death...

\_\_\_\_\_ the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Our sins are many, but His \_\_\_\_\_ are more.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week’s sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **2 Samuel 11:1-5**. Where or when did David’s sin begin? In general? In this specific sin with Bathsheba? **Deuteronomy 17:14-17, James 1:14-15, 1 John 2:16, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Romans 3:23, Psalm 51:5**
2. How could David be called a man after God’s own heart after sins like these? What does this mean for us? **2 Corinthians 5:17, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Psalm 32:5, 1 John 1:9, Ezekiel 36:26**
3. Read **2 Samuel 12:13 and Psalm 51:4**. Discuss this view of sin compared to what is referred to as *sloppy grace* (the idea that sin is not a big deal because His grace covers it). **Isaiah 59:2, Romans 6:1-2, 1 John 1:6, 1 John 5:3, John 15:14, Ephesians 2:10**
4. Read **Psalm 32:3-4**. What does sin do to us in our daily lives and how does it affect our walk with Christ? If we know this, why are we sometimes flippant about what we might refer to as little sins? **James 2:10, Romans 6:23, Genesis 3:7-11, Ecclesiastes 8:11-14, Exodus 20:5, Genesis 2:17**
5. Read **Psalm 51:13 and 32:1-2**. Some say **32:1-2** is the practical application of **51:13**. Discuss the feeling of knowing your sins are forgiven and what it feels like to be set free from the bondage of sin. Now, how can we go out and share this with others? **Romans 6:14, Romans 6:18, John 8:36, Galatians 5:1**