

How do we know how long it had been?

- The baby had been <sup>(25)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.
- The word <sup>(26)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ leads some to believe he was at least a year old.

The greatest tragedy of David's sin was that his <sup>(27)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ lost their life.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Bible teaches that babies who die go to <sup>(28)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

2 Samuel 12:22-23—“He answered, “While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, ‘Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to me and let the child live.’ 23 But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”

Matthew 18:10—“See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.”

**HOWEVER:** How does somebody waking from this spiritual slumber to the reality of their sin pray to God?

### Psalm 51

*For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.*

**CHALLENGE:** Don't give up on friends and family <sup>(29)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ from God!

### NEXT WEEK @ THE JOURNEY:

- **SPECIAL SERVICE TIME:** 3:00 P.M.
- **SPECIAL MESSAGE:** “Psalm 51 – How to Ask for God's Forgiveness When Your Sin Has Ruined the Lives of Others: Part 2”



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Answers: 1-backdrop 2-2 Samuel 11 3-blinded 4-Complacency 5-increasing 6-deadly 7-temptations 8-lazy 9-afternoon 10-found 11-Accountability 12-mighty men 13-mighty men 14-understand 15-dead body 16-conceal 17-saddest 18-confess 19-first 20-suitcase 21-close 22-heartless 23-question 24-year 25-born 26-“child” 27-child 28-heaven 29-away

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**“Forgiveness: Learning how to Request and Accept God's Forgiveness!”**

A verse by verse study of David's “Psalms of Confession”

Sunday Evening, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

**Message #5: “How to Ask For God's Forgiveness When Sin Has Ruined the Lives of Others: Part 1”**

Pastor Christian Newsome

Psalm 51 has the most vivid <sup>(1)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of any Psalm in scripture.

To have any understanding of Psalm 51 we must have complete understanding of the events of <sup>(2)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

David's past spiritual successes leave us <sup>(3)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ by the events of 2 Samuel 11 and 12.

- The Job Description – I Samuel 13:14
- The Boy – I Samuel – I Samuel 16:7
- The Warrior – I Samuel 17:29
- The Fugitive – I Samuel 18-31
- Robin Hood – I Samuel 22:1-2
- The King – II Samuel 2
- God's City/Dwelling – II Samuel 6
- God's King – II Samuel 7

The Power & Influence of the Old Testament:

*I Corinthians 10:11—“Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”*

**“How Does a Christian Fall So Deeply Into Sin?”**

—Five Steps to Spiritual Ruin—

**Step #1: Spiritual** <sup>(4)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Sam. 11:1

This is the first time in the reign of David that he did not feel a desire to keep <sup>(5)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ his territory.

**QUESTION:** Are you satisfied with where you are spiritually?

In a world of spiritual warfare – complacency is <sup>(6)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.  
*I Corinthians 10:12—“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”*  
*Ephesians 4:27—“do not give the devil a foothold.”*

**Step #2: Sinful** <sup>(7)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Sam. 11:2

David was not only spiritually complacent – he was also physically <sup>(8)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ – a dangerous combination.

“*evening...arose from his bed*” – The word for evening is “late <sup>(9)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_”.

David may not have been looking for sin – but sin <sup>(10)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ him anyway.

*James 1:13-15—“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”*  
*I Cor. 10:13—“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”*

**Step #3: Weak** <sup>(11)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Sam. 11:3-4a

“*daughter of Eliam*” – Eliam was one of David’s <sup>(12)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

“*wife of Uriah*” – Uriah was one of David’s <sup>(13)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

Not only did David’s advisors <sup>(14)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ how wrong David was – they helped him accomplish it!  
*I Cor 15:33—“Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”*

Every Christian needs an “over my <sup>(15)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_” type of friend.

*Proverbs 27:17—“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”*

**Step #4: Work to** <sup>(16)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ **Your Sin Rather than Confess it** – 2 Sam. 11:4b-17

This is some of the <sup>(17)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ scripture in The Bible.

Our Spiritual Hero –

- Puts his country at risk.
- Treats Bathsheba as a prostitute.
- Tries to destroy Uriah’s morality.
- Tries to get Uriah to betray his country.
- Sees to it that Uriah dies.
- Sees others die in the process.

It takes so much more work to conceal sin than to <sup>(18)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ it.

*James 5:16—“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”*

**Step #5: Care for Yourself** <sup>(19)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ **and others second** – 2 Sam. 11:18-27

Joab sent Uriah on a <sup>(20)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ mission – v. 21

In insuring that Uriah died, other men who were <sup>(21)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ to David died as well – v. 17, 24

David’s response back to Joab is so selfish that it is absolutely <sup>(22)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ – v. 25

*Philippians 2:5-7a—“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant...”*

If we did not know David’s past we would <sup>(23)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ whether or not he had a relationship with God.

**QUESTION:** How long can a Christian live in Sin?

David went at least a <sup>(24)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, and possibly two years, before repenting of this sin – 2 Sam. 12:1-14