

GIANT KILLER

Part Five: *carnal*

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The nation of Israel was a mess when David became king, but he was able to unify the twelve tribes of Israel into a powerful nation that was obedient to the Lord. David was a great leader, but he did not live a perfect life. At times, David allowed fear or pride to cause him to make wrong choices.

In 2 Samuel Chapter 11, David is carnal.

1st – David looked to sin. Vs. 1-3

2nd - David chose to sin. Vs. 4

3rd – David tried to hide his sin. Vs. 5-25

After finding out Bathsheba was pregnant with his child, David had Uriah killed so he could marry Bathsheba and hide his adulterous affair from his family and nation. The last verse in chapter eleven says, *“The Lord was displeased with what David had done.”*

How could David do such terrible things?

- David became prideful.

What did God do to show David his sin and the pain it caused?

- God used someone David respected to confront him. 2 Samuel 12:1-12

David wrote Psalm 51 after he confessed his sin and asked God for forgiveness. It is one of the most passionate, broken hearted, instructional Psalms. Everyone should study it to learn how to confess their sins to the Lord.

There are four truths in Psalm 51:

1st Truth: Anyone can appeal to God for forgiveness. Vs. 1-2

2nd Truth: God wants us to confess our sins to Him. Vs. 3-6

3rd Truth: The goal of confession is restoration. Vs. 7-12

4th Truth: The result of restoration is right living. Vs. 13-19

What were the consequences of David's sin?

- Death (separation) James 1:15

How could David have avoided his affair with Bathsheba?

- David could have avoided sin if he would have been where God wanted him to be! 1 Thessalonians 5:22

Some questions to ask yourself this week...

1. Are you where God wants you to be and doing what He wants you to do?
2. Are you looking for ways to sin or are you looking for ways to avoid sin?
3. Do you have someone in your life to confront you when you become prideful?