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Legacy Makers

The Progression of Our Sins ...2 Samuel 11

"But each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire he is dragged away and enticed. Then after desire has conceived it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown gives birth to death."

...James 1:14-15 (ESV)

1. Setting the Scene...David & Bathsheba

- ◆ The Progression of our Sins ...James 1:14-15
 - ***But each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire he is dragged away and enticed.***
 - ◆ *(David wanders out on the roof and sees Bathsheba);*
 - ***Then after desire has conceived it gives birth to sin;***
 - ◆ *(David lusts after Bathsheba and sends for her);*
 - ***"and sin, when it is full grown gives birth to death."***
 - ◆ *(David sleeps with Bathsheba)*
- ◆ God Provides a Way of Escape from our Sins ...1Corinthians 10:13, 2Peter 1:3-4

2. True Repentance

- ◆ Psalm 51:17, Mark 1:15, Romans 10:10, 1John 1:9, Psalm 103:10-14

3. "Fake (or unreal) Repentance"

- ◆ Numbers 32:33, Psalm 66:18, Hebrews 4:13

4. True Victory...The Spirit-Filled Life

- ◆ Read God's Word ...John 6:51
 - ***"I AM the Living Bread that comes down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever."***
- ◆ Meditate ...Joshua 1:8
 - *(consider; contemplate; ponder, ruminate, weigh, think about deeply) ...on God's Word*
- ◆ Pray / Worship ...Matthew 6:6
- ◆ Be Filled with the Spirit ...Galatians 5:16, Galatians 5:22-23, Romans 8:1-2

Group Discussion

1. Last week we talked about “Conquering Life’s Giants”, as we learned from the story of when David faced and conquered the Philistine, Goliath, for challenging and defying the army of God (2Samuel 17). Through this discussion the question was asked, “**Is there anything in your life that is intimidating you...that you are putting your faith in the circumstances or your ability to deal with it, rather than putting your faith completely in God and trusting Him through it?**”.

Have you given more thought to that question, and how have you applied the things you learned and/or discussed last week, ...what have been some of the noticeable results? ...Give Examples

2. In today’s scripture and message we learned of the serious and life-changing impact of sinful choices we make, and the destructive effect it has on our relationship with God, on the lives of those we love, and in our own lives. **As you think about the significance of this real story from 2 Samuel 11...**

- What is it that stands out to you...for the good or the bad?
- Is there anything in David’s story/life that you relate to?
- What can you learn from this story and this period of David’s life...whether it’s “what to do” or “what not to do”?

3. READ Psalm 139:23-24 together... Are there any choices, behaviors, or sin that you’ve been holding on to or keeping secret? ...be transparent, honest, and specific!

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!” Psalm 139:23-24 (ESV)

◆ How will you deal with it *TODAY*?

4. What did you hear or learn from tonight’s discussion that spoke to you personally? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Prayer

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It’s great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it’s great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God’s Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)