

Oxford Baptist Church – Pastor Robin W. Pifer
December 11, 2016 The Story Series – Chapter 12– “The Trials of the King”

2Sam 11:1-6

- **Sin is Considered First. (Temptation - v. 2-3)**

What are the most vulnerable times of temptation?

James 1:13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:13

This is the time for escape and seeking God’s help.

- **Sin is Sin when Committed. (The Action - v. 4-5)**

A Plan is put in Place. Action is taken. Sin has domino impact moving in many directions.

- **Sin Continues when Concealed (Cover up or Deflection - v. 6-13)**

Two responses – cover up or confession/repentance. Covering sin makes it grow and multiply. Confession of sin does not eliminate consequences. Psalm 32:1-5 – Sin is an offence against God.

- **Sin leads to Complications. (Web of Destruction – v. 14-27)**

Sin moves out in multiply directions. It takes us down a road of destruction and death. Romans 6:23

- **Sin destroys until we Come Clean. (Confession – 12:7-14)**

David’s sin displeases the Lord. 2Sam 11:27; James 5:16
Nathan the prophet confronts David privately. Psalm 51:3

- **Sin has its Consequences. (Costs – 2Samuel 12 -20)**

The Family and Kingdom trials of David.
(2Samuel 12:13 – This is not the end)

1Cor 10:12

- **Sin can be Cleansed. (Restoration – Ps 46:1; 1John 1:9, Rom 6:1; Proverbs 28:13)**

Hate what is evil; Cling to what is good/righteous – Rom 12:9 --- Just don’t do it.

Godly sorrow verses Worldly sorrow – 2Cor 7:10

Restore to me the joy of my salvation. **Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12;**

1 Chron 29:10-17

- **The Lord can restore you. King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

Happiness is based on your circumstances. Joy is based on your relationship and connection with Jesus Christ. JOY (Jesus Over Yesterday), it is a gift from the Lord.



THE STORY
For Life Groups

1. There is one response to the temptation to sin, run or escape. Read James 1:15 or 1 Corinthians 10:13. What do we learn from these passages about temptation?
2. What is the difference between temptation and sin?
3. There are two responses to sin, cover-up or confession. When was the first cover up or deflection of sin? See Genesis 3.
4. Why is it important for us to have short accounts with God and others about our sin? Why does sin travel in many directions?
5. What were the consequences or costs of David’s sin? See 2Samuel 12-20.
6. Sin can be forgiven and cleansed. Read these verses on **Restoration – Ps 46:1; 1John 1:9, Rom 6:1; Proverbs 28:13.**
7. Why does true repentance and confession to the Lord renew our joy and our spiritual life?
8. What is the difference between worldly sorrow and godly sorrow (repentance) 2Cor 7:10.
9. How does confession to both God and to others (James 5:16) bring healing and restoration?
10. How does the Lord restore us?
11. What is our response when we are restored? See 1Chron 29:10-17

