



STUDY GUIDE

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Message Series:
Message Title:
Teaching Pastor:

DAVID
Will God Forgive Me
Angie Frame

Warm-up/Icebreaker:

What is the messiest job you've ever had or the biggest mess you've ever cleaned up?
(If you are eating, you may want to save this question for last.)

Pray:

Dear Lord, clear our minds of any distractions as we seek to know You more. Help us to gain insight from this David narrative, so that we may have hearts after Your heart. Help us to understand that you are such a good Father, and Your mercy and grace are unlimited. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Get Started:

For the first 10 chapters of 2 Samuel, David can do no wrong. By the time we get to the end of 2 Samuel 10, he led brilliantly for 20 years. Unfortunately, that all changes.

Read 2 Samuel 11:1-5.

What do we know about David? David's 50 years old, in a season of great prosperity, in a position of power and privilege, and isn't where he's supposed to be. Add it all up, and what do you have?

"If we truly love others as ourselves AND love God AND fulfill the roles God has given us, then we can protect ourselves--not from every single failure--but from piling them up until we reach catastrophic, nuclear levels that hurt us and everyone around us. It starts by being where we're supposed to be and doing what we're supposed to do." -Pastor Angie Frame

Watch and Discuss Video:

Read 2 Samuel 11:26-27.

- What is the main point of this passage?

Read 2 Samuel 12: 1-14.

- David doesn't recognize the clear way that Nathan's story is about him. What do you think of this disconnect David is exhibiting? Why do you think people tend to disassociate themselves from their bad actions?

Read James 5:15-16.

- The spiritual discipline of confession is an important one. It is also a practice that, if done wisely, will help you become transformed. Do you have someone or people in place for accountability purpose?

Reflect and Commit:

Read the following verses:

1 Corinthians 10:12

1 Peter 5:8

James 1:14-16

- Do any of these verses make you recall a past personal experience? Consider sharing.

“God gave David plenty of roles to fulfill. He made him king over Israel and Judah, gave him a house to run, wives to love. And it was plenty. It was more than enough to keep him busy. If David had really been fully living into all of those roles, then he would have been fulfilled. His desires for purpose and love and connection could all be met with what he already had. He didn’t need to go looking anywhere else.

.....Fulfill your roles, not your desires. Live into the opportunities God has already put in your life. If you do that, then you’ll avoid falling into infamous failure like David.” -Pastor Angie Frame

Read Psalm 51.

- How does this Psalm further explore how David is a man after God's own heart?
- What do you think of David’s response when he fully recognizes his sin? Is it enough?
- How have you seen the power of forgiveness in your own life?

Pray:

Dear Lord, help us to humble ourselves and face the consequences of our wrong actions all the while trusting that with Your great compassion You will forgive our sins. Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

(For more information, visit our website for an article on the spiritual discipline of confession by Pastor Beth Stoddard)