

Introduction: David... in 2 Samuel 11

- He was a good man at a weak moment.
- He was described as a mighty warrior, righteous king, and "man after God's own heart."
- Yet the words "murderer" and "adulterer" were later added to his biography.

We all make "big mistakes" sometime in our life.

The question is: *How do we recover?*

Transferable Concept #5:

Teach them to live _____ lives.

A theology of grace:

- Grace is the unmerited and unconditional _____ of God toward us.
1 John 4:19
 - Grace is free to us, but _____ to God. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
 - The _____ is God's greatest act of grace. Romans 5:8
 - _____ is a free gift from God. Romans 6:23
 - Grace must be received by _____ . Ephesians 2:8-9
 - Grace produces _____ toward God, and love toward others.
Titus 2:11-12
 - Old Testament roots Genesis 3:21, 6:8
 - Biblical profiles – David (Psalm 51) , Peter (John 21)
 - New Testament command John 3:16-18, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Peter 1:13
- ¹³Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.*
- 1 Peter 1:13

Application: I, _____, choose to
believe that with God, my _____ is never final!

Teaching your children that failure is never final

1. Encourage them to _____ on the lives of David and Peter; a murderer, adulterer, and betrayer among God's most beloved and mightily used servants.

Psalm 51

2. Help them remove the power of the _____ and condemnation by practicing repentance (James 4:7-10) and confession (James 5:16) with some mature believers you can trust.

3. Teach them to _____ to continue living with a "performance-orientation" in your relationship with God; it is and always will be a grace-orientation.

Colossians 2:6

Life message: You were created to _____ grace and to
give grace!

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it so important to get a clear grasp of what grace is and how it is the foundation of our relationship with God?

2. What new insight did you learn about grace? How will you pass this on to your children and grandchildren?

3. What sin or personal failure do you need to "get out in the open" and receive not only God's forgiveness, but experience His restoration?

4. How will you follow up and follow through on what God has revealed to you to share with your family from this series?
 - Share it with a child or grandchild in the next 48 hours
 - Join a small group
 - Review your notes each morning for the next 10 days and act on God's prompting
 - Deal with a "big area" – talk with a pastor, counselor, or family member and face the pain and receive the grace.

Recommended Resource:

The Real God - Small Group

Available at LivingOnTheEdge.org