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COMMITTING AND CONCEALING SIN
2 Sam. 11

I'm praying God uses this text to help us:

- Minimize our yielding to temptation and committing sin.
- Minimize our concealing and compounding of sin.
- Maximize our gracious and loving confronting of one another's sin.
- Maximize our gratitude for Christ's covering of our sin.

Whatever sin we are trying to hide from each other, God has dealt with them openly as He laid them upon Christ.

2 Sam. 11-12 in a Sentence: Because God loves us, He refuses to let us conceal our sin but confronts our sin so that we may confess it and He may cover it.

- I. WHEN TEMPTED, IF WE DO NOT RUN TO CHRIST WE WILL RUN TO SIN – 2 Sam. 11:1-5
 - a. What David did, we are capable of doing as well.
 - i. The battle with the flesh, the world, and the devil does not decrease just because our age increases.
 - ii. We must be vigilant.
 - b. What led to David committing sin?
 - i. David was not where he should have been.
 - ii. Temptation is not sin – it's what we do when we are tempted that determines whether we sin or not.
 - iii. David's inquiry of her is moving toward sin and not away from it.
 1. Not a single move toward sin is ever for our good or the good of anyone else and most importantly never for God's glory.
 - iv. David ignored the warnings/graces
 1. It's not that David didn't have an out – It's that he didn't take it.
 2. We need others in our lives who will be voices of accountability and help save us from ourselves.
 - a. David needed people who would not help facilitate his sin but help him forsake it. So do we.
 - v. David sought to gratify his cravings rather than glorify God.
 - c. In Christ, what David did not do, we are capable of doing.
 - i. Our hope in resisting temptation is not that we are good people, but that we are gospel people.



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- ii. We cannot avoid temptation, so how can we avoid wanting sin as badly as David did in this passage?
 - 1. Training ourselves for godliness (1 Tim. 4:7 and Titus 2:11-12)
 - 2. Believing there is more pleasure in God than in sin (Ps. 16:11; 84:11)
 - 3. Running to Jesus and running from sin (Heb. 4:15-16)
 - 4. Relying on accountability

- II. WHEN WE CONCEAL SIN RATHER THAN CONFESS IT, WE WILL MOST LIKELY COMMIT MORE SIN – 2 Sam. 11:6-26
 - a. The solution for sin is confession not concealment. Sin is never fixed by covering it only by confessing it.
 - b. David's duplicity is ruined by Uriah's dedication (When the Hittite is the true Israelite!!)
 - c. Some truths for us:
 - i. Sin always harms people around us to some degree. Always.
 - 1. Let's bring others up in obedience rather than down in disobedience.
 - 2. Let's bring others into our pursuit of Christ rather than our pursuit of sin.
 - ii. Sin we do not kill will not dissipate but escalates.
 - d. Why do we conceal rather than confess?
 - i. We want each other to think we are godlier than we really are.
 - ii. Shame - Heather Davis Nelson:
 - 1. Relational disconnection is often rooted in shame.
 - a. If I don't believe that I can be loved, I will find it impossible to be in authentic relationship with anyone. I will find ways to distance myself from others, or to protect myself from being truly known. My core belief is that if you really knew me, you wouldn't want to be in relationship with me. This is a prime indicator that shame is at play.
 - 2. Shame disappears in community.
 - a. The most powerful way to combat shame is to be truly known and to know others truly. As we share our shame stories or the ways that shame has threatened to silence us—and these stories are met with compassionate empathy—shame fades away. It loses the fuel of isolation and fear.
 - 3. Shame disappears in the path of Jesus, clearing the way for restored relationship with God and with others.



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- a. A relationship with Jesus Christ by faith heals us of shame, bringing freedom.
 - 4. Shame is not discussed often enough in the church, which should be the place where we are healed and freed from shame.
- III. THOUGH OUR SIN DISPLEASES THE LORD, IT DOES NOT MEAN HE IS DONE WITH US – 2 Sam. 11:27
- a. When it comes to sin, whatever we think we are getting away with currently, we are not.
 - b. Our sin displeases the Lord.
 - i. We need God's view of sin to be our view of sin.
 - 1. It was evil before the Lord's eyes.
 - 2. 12:9 "Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in His sight?"
 - 3. 12:10 "you have despised Me"
 - 4. 12:14 "by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD"
 - 5. Until we see sin as the Lord sees it, we will not see it correctly nor be motivated to put it away.
 - 6. Like Joseph in Gen. 39, I pray we will view sin as wicked instead of wanted.
 - c. Though we fail Him, He refuses to forsake us.
 - i. In our sanctification, our sin may be displeasing to God but it does not mean God is done with us.
 - ii. We deserve more than the Lord's displeasure, we deserve the discipline of death and destruction because of our rebellion/sin.
 - iii. If God were through with David, then He would have never sent Nathan to him (12:1).
 - iv. God will not forsake us, because He forsook Christ.
 - v. Begg: The only safe thing you can do with guilt is take it to the cross.