

SIN & FORGIVENESS

THE ANATOMY OF SIN — 2 SAMUEL 11-12

Can a person who is called, anointed, blessed beyond imagination, faithful, and a model leader who experienced great victories fall into tremendous temptation, sin and forgiveness? King David did! Here is the “anatomy” of David’s temptation and sin as found in 2 Samuel...

1. Vulnerability — David was not at war where he belonged, but at home and idle.
2. Attention — David looked and saw that Bathsheba was beautiful. It is doubtful that this was the first time.
 - A. Satan’s suggestion to Eve to look at the forbidden fruit in Genesis 3:1.
 - B. The lust of the eyes in 1 John 2:15-17.
3. Inquiry — David entertained ongoing thoughts about Bathsheba and found out about her.
4. Action — David acted upon his sin, resulting in her pregnancy.
5. Covering and hiding sin — David dealt with his sin by covering it up and attempting to “fix” it and even went so far as murder.
6. Confrontation — It required confrontation by Nathan the Prophet to bring King David to repentance.
7. Repentance — David had godly sorrow and there was brokenness of heart and spirit. Unlike King Saul, in 1 Samuel 15:30, David dealt with his sin in a righteous and correct manner.
 - A. Biblical & earthly repentance in 2 Corinthians 7:10.
8. Proactive action — David’s heart was so struck with the conviction of God that he wrote Psalm 51, a public confession. David overcame evil with good (Romans 12:21).

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS — 1 JOHN 1:5-10

1. We all sin. Do not pretend to be _____.
2. _____ with God about the sin. (“Confess” means to speak at the same time, to acknowledge). State the sin specifically to God.
 - David’s confession was based on God’s great mercies.
 - His confession was, first of all, to the Lord.
 - The sin was not minimized or excused. David called it “sin” and “blood guilt.”
 - David acknowledged the source of his sin: himself.
3. Receive God’s _____. Refuse to walk in guilt.
 - Psalm 103:1-14 *...As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us...*

4. Put on garment of praise and thank God for forgiveness. Be _____!
 - Psalm 32:1-2 *Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*
5. Walk in the light of God's Word, in fellowship with Him and others. Don't _____.
 - 1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*
6. Force the steps above into a _____.
 - Romans 12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

THE KEY TO ONGOING VICTORY

1. Choose not to commit the "little sins."
 - Psalm 19:13-14 *Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*
 - Song of Solomon 2:15 *Catch us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes.*
2. Be aggressive with your thought life, this is where the real spiritual battlefield exists.
 - 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*
 - James 4:1-7 *Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?...*
3. We are victorious over sin when we live in fellowship with the Holy Spirit!
 - Galatians 5:16-18 *So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.*
4. Develop a lifestyle of accountability and ask the following questions on a regular basis.
 - Proverbs 27:6 *Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.*
 - A. Am I in the center of God's will for my life? (If not, why not? And what must I do?)
 - B. Am I faithful to my spouse?
 - C. What am I wrestling with in my thought life? (Do I know my personal "high risk" areas?)
 - D. Are my daily priorities in the right order? (Am I spending too much time computer gaming or other activities?)
 - E. Is the person I project consistent with the "real" me?
5. Where are my high risk areas? What are a few basic steps I can take to experience genuine victory over sin in my life?

ANSWERS

Sinless

Agree

Forgiveness

Expressive

Isolate

habit