

Boundaries Series ₅

The Danger of Deception

2 Samuel 11

Vs. 1-5 David's lust created a mess that he now feels he needs to cover up. He knew it was wrong when he did it. ***What he did in the dark is about to be brought into light. He was over 50 when this event happened.*** He would have been better off on the real battlefield than the battle was fixin to lose.

Correction: (Eliam was on of the 30 mighty men- Eliam's Dad Ahitophel was the advisor. 3 men David knew who were related)

"...and you may be sure your sin will find you out."
Numbers 32:23 b

Let's be clear: David was not deceived into sleeping with Bathsheba. Eve was deceived. David wasn't.

He deceived himself into thinking there wouldn't be any consequences. There is going to be some sever consequences. Your sin doesn't just affect you. It affects those around you, and often those you love the most.

His selfish actions now required him to go into defense mode and a plot to cover up what he had done a month two prior. ***As hard as it might have been to confess the truth, it's going to be whole lot harder to deal with the consequences of the lies.***

A lie is always a trap

Mousetrap- the bait is simply intended to keep your eyes off the trap.

Vs. 6-13 The first attempt at covering it up- ***Let's deceive Uriah into thinking this child is his.*** We've been trying to cover up our sin since Adam & Eve. This wasn't a new concept. What was going through Bathsheba's mind here? Shame, guilt of being used, basically now being asked to deceive her husband to cover up something that wasn't her fault. He trying again to get someone else to take responsibility for he should be taking care of. The act itself is bad enough. Here's what I've read about sin:

Sin will always take you further than you want to go
Stay longer than you want it to stay
Cost you more than you want to pay

This message is not intended to bring up the sins of your forgiven past, ***it's intended to make someone think before they act.*** If I can prevent you from destroying your life I'm going to do my best! ***Someone's got to put up the warning signs.*** Someone's got to tell a child that fire is hot. Someone has to tell your son that porn will destroy him. Someone has to tell your daughters that you if he loves you he won't sleep with you before you get married. I don't want you to learn the hard way. ***We may not like the sound of a fire alarm, but it saves lives.***
Someone has to preach the RIGHT IT RIGHT AND WRONG IS WRONG and there's always consequences for doing your own thing!!

Your sin will find you out. Just ask someone running for political office. They hire people to dig up your dirt.

Your past is like a cemetery- it may be dead and forgiven by God, but there's skeletons that exist that we're not proud of.

The fewer, the better. It might be dead & forgiven, but unfortunately there's still bones that exist.
And the devil LOVES to dig around in your past.
Satan exposes sin to humiliate you
God exposes sin to fix it

The Cross

It's much better to confess than to be found out

Vs. 14 As we know, hidden sin takes you deeper and deeper into the pit of deception- Sending him home didn't work. Getting him drunk didn't work, and now David resorts to murder. Sin is now taken him further than he wanted to go, and the destination is going to affect thousands of people in his family and kingdom. His son Absalom will try to kill him, take over his kingdom, and David's son Amnon will rape his sister Tamar. She'll be disgraced and never marry because of it. Sin has consequences. If we downplay consequences, there's less chance of prevention. **IOW- If the consequences aren't bad, or don't exist, why not do it?**

You need to know someone else's painful story to prevent you from making your own.

Sin can be forgiven, but sin always has consequences

David was man after God's own heart, but he still suffered on this earth the results of his sins. God can still use you, it just might have to be in a different way than He originally planned.

Final Thought- Is there anything you need to confess to anyone?

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:32

It's the only way you'll ever be free. *The only thing harder to coming clean is staying dirty.*