No More Excuses

December 17, 2022

Read Chapter 4: *No More Allowing for Immorality*

1. Discuss the danger in the opening statement.

Compare this with the following passages:

Romans 8:5-6

Romans 13:11-14

Galatians 5:16

1. Thinking about David’s sin outlined in II Samuel 11, discuss I Corinthians 10:12.

What other verses challenge us in the same way as I Corinthians 10:12? For example, see Proverbs 4:20-27; 7:1-27.

Perhaps more than any other sin, why does sexual sin seem to blind us of the consequences? Read Proverbs 5:1-23 and discuss.

What were the consequences of David’s sin? (See page 66.)

1. How important to our spiritual growth is II Samuel 11:27? How should those words resonate with our spirit?

In light of that, discuss the following passages:

I Chronicles 29:17

Psalm 139:1-10, 23-24

Hebrews 4:13

1. How does II Samuel 12:10-14 show God’s grace?
2. What encouragement do you find in David’s words found in II Samuel 12:13?

Read David’s prayer of confession in Psalm 51.

What does it mean to confess?

What does it mean to be brokenhearted? Discuss Psalm 32:1-2, 5.

According to verse 17, what does God want?

What did David pray for in Psalm 51:7-11?

1. What did David mean by asking God not to remove the Holy Spirit from him?
2. If we have fallen into any sin, according to Psalm 51:13, how can God use us after repentance?
3. How do we combat temptation?

I Corinthians 10:13

Hebrews 4:15

James 1:13-16

I Corinthians 15:57

II Corinthians 10:4-5

Ephesians 6:10-11

James 4:7-8

Romans 13:14

Psalm 37:31

Romans 6:12-13

1. Discuss the steps on winning the war outlined by the author.

Step 1: Clean house

Step 2: Own up to your problem

Step 3: Develop spiritual sensitivity

The long-term solution – resurrection

The here-and-now solution – The Holy Spirit

1. How is God challenging you through this chapter?

Next month: Chapter 5 – *No More Weak Leadership* – January 21, 2023