

A Royal Failure

2 Samuel 11

2 Samuel 11 is a watershed in the life of King David. Up till now, he has been a man after God's own heart. However, he makes a series of poor choices and enters the downward spiral of sin, during which he breaks three of the 10 Commandments. While he will repent and receive forgiveness, the consequences will plague him the rest of his life.

Downward Spiral of Sin

10 Commandments

Lack of discipline (1)

Idleness (2)

Second look (2)

Curiosity (3a)

Rejects reason (3b)



Do not covet (Exodus 20:17)

Adultery (4-5)

Do not commit adultery (Exodus 20:14)

Cover up & compromise (6-13)

Murder (14-25)

Do not murder (Exodus 20:13)

Hidden secret (26-27a)

God was not pleased (27b)

Downward Spiral of Sin

Avoiding Sin

Lack of discipline (1)

Stay in the battle

Idleness (2)

Live with intentionality

Second look (2)

Recognize when/where you are tempted

Wear blinders

Curiosity (3)

Filter your input

Rejects reason (3)

Remember whose you are

Think about the consequences

Memorize & quote Scripture

Adultery (4-5)

Say "NO!" to temptation

Cover up & compromise (6-13)

Confess sin & repent

Live with integrity

Murder (14-25)

Say "NO!" to temptation

Hidden secret (26-27a)

Confess sin & repent

God was not pleased (27b)

Prepare for consequences