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Epic Failures – Where God’s People Blew It

Starting Over

Introduction

David, Bathsheba, Uriah, and Solomon

Many know David failed, but he failed in a spectacular fashion multiple times that we lump together. We often lose sight of the individual failures and focus on how one mistake becomes two and then it just snowballs from there.

Failure

Question: Think about a time in your life (and discuss if you are comfortable) when a bad decision or poor judgment lead you to making poorer choices and attempts to hide the truth. (2 Samuel 11:1-27)

David had multiple failures

- Didn't go to war
- Saw Bathsheba and didn't turn away
- Sent for Bathsheba
- Slept with Bathsheba
- Tried to cover up by sending for Uriah
- Tried to get Uriah drunk to cover up
- Sent Uriah back to war and orchestrated his death

Consequence

Question: Discuss the ramifications of the snowball effect of your poor choice or judgment. (2 Samuel 12:1-14)

- Nathan came and presented the "hypothetical" situation to David
- David judged the hypothetical situation wisely
- Nathan called David out
- David's sin was forgiven (verse 13) but the consequence was still very real; the child died (verse 18)

Restoration

Question: How did you return to right standing with God and others after your snowballed situation? (Psalm 51:1-19)

- Ask God for mercy and cleansing
- Acknowledge your sin
- Ask God to create a clean heart in you
- Ask God to renew His spirit within your heart
- Move on!

Conclusion

- We all make poor choices
- Try to acknowledge and make restoration early, not cover up
- As soon as you realize you've blown it, turn to God fully