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“*The Story: A King-Sized Mistake*” | Pastor Scott

Introduction

1. We have something inside us that wants to do wrong.
2. Our lack of goodness affects others and vice versa.
3. There are always consequences to our choices.

Big Idea: A Vibrant Follower of Christ confesses sin and trusts Christ for complete forgiveness.

Scene 1: The Power and Problem of Sin [2 Samuel 11:1-5]

What is sin? Any thought, word, or action, which is not in perfect alignment with God’s Word.

1. Sin sucks us in.
2. Sin sucks our joy and peace.
3. Sin sucks the life out of us.

What leads us toward sin?

1. Not being in the right place.
2. Being in the wrong place.
3. Wrong time.
4. Wrong thoughts. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
5. Wrong attitude.
6. Wrong actions. (Exodus 20:17, 14, 13)

James 1:14-15: “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”

Scene 2: The Cover Up [2 Samuel 11:6-25]

Sin to cover sin makes it worse

David consumed by cover up.
Uriah consumed by character.

Scene 3: The Secret Sin [2 Samuel 11:26-12:7a]

Holds up a mirror.

STOP PLANNING SIN! Stop trying to hide sin.

We face the same choice as David, we can continue *to lie and sin*, or we can *confess*.

Scene 4: Power of Humble Confession [2 Samuel 12:13; Psalm 51:1-12]

Sin reality: not getting caught is the worst thing that could happen

1 John 1:8-9: “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

What is confession? Agreeing with God about your sin (actions, thoughts, and speech).

The definitiveness, completeness, and permanence of forgiveness:

John 5:24: “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

Ephesians 1:6-7: “to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”

Romans 8:1-2: “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”

Romans 8:33: “Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.”

Romans 3:23-25: “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed.”

Scene 5: Reality of Consequences

Sin always costs more than we want to pay, takes us further than we want to go, and lasts as long as we will let it.

Application/Lessons Learned.

1. Refusing to confess/repent is costly (Saul vs. David)
2. Live with integrity, die with integrity (Uriah)
3. Speak truth to friends (Nathan)
4. Confession leads to healing (David)

Psalm 32:1-5