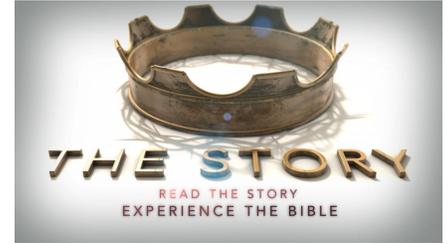


Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for May 16, 2021:
Chapter 12: The Trials of a King



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. It's graduation season! Tell a graduation story.

- **GROW** *in Christ*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

Psalm 51:1-4,16-17

1. What impresses or surprises you about King David?
2. Read James 1:13-15. What were some of the factors that led to David's sin with Bathsheba?
3. Which of the ten commandments did David break in the Bathsheba story? Privilege says, *I deserve this*. Where do you see that attitude today? When is that healthy, and when is it unhealthy?
4. Both Saul and David sinned against God, yet how did their responses differ? What are some of the ways people respond to sin, other than simply coming clean? Where do these kinds of responses often lead?
5. In Psalm 51, David comes clean with God. What is God's response to his confession?
6. Psalm 32 describes what David felt before and after his confession (p. 165-166). If all our sins were forgiven by Christ dying on the cross, then what value does confession have today?
7. Sin often has a domino effect. How did David's sins affect these people:
 - Bathsheba
 - Uriah
 - The prophet Nathan
 - The commander Joab
 - Tamar
 - Absalom (payback for David? *What you did in secret will be done to you in broad daylight*)
8. Why did God take the life of the child when it was his father who sinned? How do you feel

about God's decision?

9. What does the dysfunction in David's family tell you about your own family?
10. David was allowed to plan the temple, but God told him that his son would be the one to actually build it. How do you think David felt about that? How did David respond?
11. Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-16 (The Story, pp. 171-172) When you have successes, who typically gets the credit, you or God? Who typically gets the blame for your failures?
12. We are in Movement 2, The Story of Israel. *God builds a brand-new nation called Israel. Through this nation he will reveal His presence, power, and plan to get us back. Every story of Israel will point to the first coming of Jesus -- the one who will provide the way back to God.* How would you compare King David with King Jesus?
13. Read Psalm 23. Why do you think this passage continues to be so meaningful to people?

- **SERVE** *others*

Is there someone in your life who is struggling with guilt? How might you bring a message of grace to them? Remember that the prophet Nathan is clear about the severity of David's sin, but just as clear about the magnitude of God's grace.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**