

Introduction: David... in 2 Samuel 11

- He was a good man at a weak moment.
- He was described as a mighty warrior, righteous king, and "man after God's own heart."
- Yet the words "murderer" and "adulterer" were later added to his biography.

Our children will all make some "big mistakes" sometime in their lives.

The question is: *How will they recover?*



Teach them _____ is never final.

A theology of grace:

- Grace is the unmerited and unconditional _____ of God toward us. 1 John 4:19
- Grace is free to us, but _____ to God. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- The _____ is God's greatest act of grace. Romans 5:8
- _____ is a free gift from God. Romans 6:23
- Grace must be received by _____. Ephesians 2:8-9
- Grace produces self-control , upright, and _____ living. Titus 2:11-12
- Old Testament roots Genesis 3:21, 6:8
- Biblical profiles – David (Psalm 51), Peter (John 21)
- New Testament command John 3:16-18

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

See also: 1 Peter 1:13

Priceless: Learning that failure is _____ final

1. Encourage them to _____ on the lives of David and Peter; a murderer, adulterer, and betrayer among God's most beloved and mightily used servants.

Psalm 51

2. Help them remove the power of the _____ and condemnation by practicing repentance and confession with some mature believers you can trust.

James 4:7-10, James 5:16

3. Teach them to _____ to continue living with a "performance-orientation" in their relationship with God; it is, and always will be, a grace-orientation.

Colossians 2:6

4. Help them discover _____ toward the humble, the broken, and the distraught.

Psalm 34:18, John 21

- **Life Message:** Grace means your _____ does not have to define your _____.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it so important to get a clear grasp of what grace is and how it is the foundation of our relationship with God?
2. What new insight did you learn about grace? How will you pass this on to your children and grandchildren?
3. What sin or personal failure do you need to "get out in the open" and receive not only God's forgiveness, but experience His restoration?
4. How will you follow up and follow through on what God has revealed to you to share with your family from this series?
 - Share it with a child or grandchild in the next 48 hours
 - Join a small group
 - Review your notes each morning for the next 10 days and act on God's prompting
 - Deal with a "big area" – talk with a pastor, counselor, or family member and face the pain and receive the grace.

Recommended Resource:

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