

## **Introduction: David – 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.

**We all make "big mistakes" sometime in our life.**

**The question is: *How do we recover?***

**Transferable Concept: Teach them to live \_\_\_\_\_ lives.**

## A Theology of Grace:

- Grace is the unmerited and unconditional \_\_\_\_\_ of God toward us.
- Grace is free to us, but \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is God's greatest act of grace.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a free gift from God.
- Grace must be received by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Grace produces \_\_\_\_\_ toward God, and love toward others.
- Old Testament Roots – Genesis 3:21, 6:8
- Biblical Profiles – David, Peter
- New Testament Command – John 3:16-18, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Peter 1:13

*<sup>13</sup>Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

1 Peter 1:13 (NIV)

**Application:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, choose to believe that with God, my \_\_\_\_\_ is never final!

## **Teaching Your Children That Failure Is Never 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.
2. Help them remove the power of the \_\_\_\_\_ and condemnation by practicing repentance (James 4:7-10) and confession (James 5:16) with some mature believers you can trust.
3. Teach them to \_\_\_\_\_ to continue living with a "performance-orientation" in your relationship with God; it is and always will be a grace-orientation.

**Life Message:** You were created to \_\_\_\_\_ grace and to give grace!

## 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:

**God: As He Longs for You to See Him**- Small Group DVD Series  
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