

Every Day with Jesus
Even Kings Need Saviors
2 Samuel 11-12

It seems that when things are at their best, we are often most vulnerable. It is human nature to forget the source of blessing and to begin to rely on our own ingenuity and innovation in taking credit for our successes. Deuteronomy 8 reminds us to be thankful after our bellies are full lest we forget the source of our satisfaction. We cannot let our guard down when it comes to temptation and sin. It will come after us all, the ruler and the ruled.

1. We risk temptation when we disengage from the mission.
2. It is easier to avoid temptation than to resist sin.
3. We cannot hide our sin from an all-knowing God.

Because of Christ's sacrifice, sin can always be forgiven. But we can't always undo the damage caused when we freely walk into sin. Sin is a plague that by its very nature, destroys. It whispers a promised joy, but that is a lie that leads to our destruction. John Owen once said, "Be killing sin, or it will be killing you." The good news is that Christ has killed sin and death for us, and by faith in His finished work, we receive the power to kill sin in us.

Reflection

Why is it important to recognize that David is not the perfect king? Why is it often so much easier to identify sin in others than it is in ourselves? What are some ways that you have disengaged from the mission of Christ and what impact has that had on your walk with Him? What are some precautions that you might need to take to avoid temptation? What things can we be doing to help us resist sin when the inevitable temptation comes our way? Pray through Psalm 51, paying specific attention to the fact that ultimately God is the one who is offended by our sin. What can you do to make sure that your satisfaction is in God alone?