



No Compromise

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The downfall of David can be summarized by 3 compromising choices:

1. David was not where he was supposed to be

2 Samuel 11:1 NLT

"In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem."

Listening Prayer:

lesus, is there anything that you would like to highlight for us? Ar there any seemingly small, subtle compromises in our lives that you want to alert us to this morning?						
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2. David took something he did not have permission to have

2 Samuel 11:2-5 NLT

"Late one afternoon, after his midday rest, David got out of bed and was walking on the roof of the palace. As he looked out over the city, he noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath. He sent someone to find out who she was, and he was told, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." Then David sent messengers to get her; and when she came to the palace, he slept with her. She had just completed the purification rites after having her menstrual period. Then she returned home. Later, when Bathsheba discovered that she was pregnant, she sent David a message, saying, "I'm pregnant."

Listening Prayer:

close to the sin	line? Maybe we		d in your love and
mercy over us y	you are asking u	is to turn to you	in repentance?

3. David tried to cover sin with more sin

2 Samuel 11:14-17 NLT

"So the next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and gave it to Uriah to deliver. The letter instructed Joab, "Station Uriah on the front lines where the battle is fiercest. Then pull back so that he will be killed." So Joab assigned Uriah to a spot close to the city wall where he knew the enemy's strongest men were fighting. And when the enemy soldiers came out of the city to fight, Uriah the Hittite was killed along with several other Israelite soldiers."

Sin makes us miserable!

Psalm 32:3-4 NLT

"When I refused to confess my sin,
my body wasted away,
and I groaned all day long.
Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me.
My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat."

Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Questions:

- 1) What are areas of small compromise that the Holy Spirit wants to cut off at the pass in my life through honest and vulnerable accountability in my relationships?
- 2) What questions would it be helpful for me to have an Apprenticeship Prayer Partner or trusted spiritual friend ask to keep me accountable on a regular basis?

David's story doesn't end here. He experiences restoration!

Psalm 32:1-2,5 NLT

"Oh, what joy for those
whose disobedience is forgiven,
whose sin is put out of sight!
Yes, what joy for those
whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt,
whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone."
