

2 SAMUEL 10-15

WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

WEEK IN REVIEW

The book of 2 Samuel is all about the life of David! We have seen David come across a lot of success. He is raised up as king, experiences many military victories, and makes a covenant with the Lord. God promises to establish a dynasty through David in 2 Samuel 7, giving his descendants the right to rule. God says, "Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever." David was considered a man after God's own heart and one of the best kings that Israel had. He was known for some pretty incredible things! In fact, Jesus came through the family line of David (how amazing is that)! However, like any human in our fallen world, David made some mistakes.

The sins that David made were big and very tragic. As a reminder, **sin** is anything we do that does not please or honor God. David had been consumed by pride, laziness, and isolated himself. He ended up being with someone who he was not married to, and as a result of that sin, he lied and killed a man. The sins that David committed were **costly**, meaning they had huge consequences to them. A prophet named Nathan confronts David in his sin. Nathan was brave and asked David, "Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own." David hears this and his response is **repentance**. Repentance means turning away from sin and towards God. David says to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die." David did not get a free pass for his sin. There were still consequences for his actions. His punishment was conflict and violence in his family, he was disgraced in public, and his baby sadly passed away.

Proverbs 27:6 tells us "faithful are the wounds of a friend." This means that friends, like Nathan, that call us to turn away from our sin and towards God are faithful. This is true even when the correction is hard to hear. It likely means that they care about us and want us to experience the best kind of life, which is found in walking in obedience to God. God had a good plan for David's life. Soon after this, David had a son named Solomon. Solomon would one day be known as the wisest man to ever live, and would take over as the next king of Israel. We see even in the midst of tragic sin, God is making a way for redemption. Like David, we make mistakes. Romans 3:23 tells us that we all have fallen short of the glory of God. That's why we need Jesus! We can be thankful that God has good plans for our lives too, and that He made a way for redemption for us through His Son!

FAMILY GUIDE

BIG IDEA:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God calls us to turn away from our sin and towards Him
KEY STORIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David and Bathsheba • Nathan rebukes David • Consequences for David's actions
KEY VERSES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Samuel 11:1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem." • 2 Samuel 11:27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "But the thing David had done displeased the Lord." • 2 Samuel 12:9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites." • 2 Samuel 12:13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Then David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Nathan replied, 'The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.'"
WORDS TO KNOW:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anything we do that does not please or honor God • Costly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was a big consequence • Repentance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Turning away from sin and turning towards God

Reflection Questions

1.	What is the key word for the book of 2 Samuel?
2.	What were some of the sins that David committed?
3.	Who confronted David in his sin?
4.	What is repentance? Why is this important?