

The Problem with Power (David & Bathsheba)

Series: Achieve the Impossible, The Life & Times of King David

1. The Bible isn't about _____; it is about regular people, like you and me; Ex. – The story of David and Bathsheba
- go read Exodus 20:10 "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, nor they neighbor's wife" – commandment #10
2. Whenever we _____ our own sinful cravings like covetousness, lust, or greed, there will *always* be negative consequences.
- It doesn't matter if no one but you and God knows; there still will be negative consequences. That is the nature of sin- it's like playing with a deadly snake; give it any chance at all, and it will come back to bite you.
3. Because of the nature of sin, it is almost always best to just _____ it and be honest with yourself, God, and others about what you have done. Sure there are times when remaining silent is the best course of action, so you don't cause *more* damage. But scheming to cover up sin simply never pays off. Bottom line, be honest with God and yourself, and take responsibility for your actions
4. The ultimate consequence of David's actions was that he would lose his _____. His *son*, the person who was most vulnerable, would pay the ultimate price for David's sin.
- add to that, David's legacy would be forever tarnished by his behavior
5. There is always an awful _____ for sin; and, the trouble we get ourselves and others into when we covet, when we lust, and when we do whatever it takes to satisfy our evil, inner cravings is just disastrous
- the ultimate price was paid by Jesus on the cross; what could be worse than that?
6. Who will bear the brunt of what seems to be several generations of Americans who have chosen covetousness and greed over godliness and contentment?
7. The story of David and Bathsheba, and the story of the housing, subprime mortgage, and now credit crisis in our country, is a classic story of greed, lust and _____, of people abusing their power and freedom to satisfy their own inner, sinful desires, resulting in much hardship and pain for both them and those who are most vulnerable around them
8. How might Jesus respond? What do you think Jesus might say to all of us?