

The Heart of God (David & Absalom); Lessons from King David

A. 5 Lessons from David

1. God is never fooled by our schemes to cover up or justify our sins.
2. There's no sense in acting as if God doesn't know what we have done; God knows.
3. There is no sense acting as if God doesn't _____ about what we have done; God cares.
4. Sin always hurts us, whether it is exposed or not.
5. Sin always hurts those around us, whether it is exposed or not.

B. 2 Sam 13 and following – David and Absalom

1. If you really want to achieve victory over your greatest struggles in life, it is crucial that you seek to discern the _____ of God concerning the various issues you are facing, especially those issues that involve your own, personal sins and mistakes

C. 2 Key Principles Related to the Heart of God concerning our sin

1. Grief

- Gen 6:5-6
- Matthew 26:36
- Romans 5:8
- 1 Cor 6:20

- a) Jesus was grieving the fact that there is so much sin in our hearts and lives, and thus, the necessity for him to go to the cross in the first place. In this, he literally took on the sins of the world, so that the people he loved, you and me, whom he called children of God, would not have to pay the ultimate price for our rebelliousness to God, our sin and mistakes

2. Grace

- a) God's love towards us is like the love of a good parent towards their children; He loves us, not because we earn it or _____ it, rather simply because he considers us His children.
- b) when Jesus went to that cross, deep within the heart of God, even though his _____ was crushed with grief even to the point of death, underneath it all was God trying to tell us, "I am doing all of this, because you are my children. And, I love you."

D. Which ending to the story will you choose?

- a) the path of Absalom?
- b) the path of the prodigal son, who came home to finally realize and accept the true love of his Father (Lk 15)

A3. care B. heart a. grieving a. deserve b. soul