

A Fatal Statistic
2 Samuel 24:1-25
May 23, 2021

I. David Commands a Prideful Census (V. 1-9)

- A. Step 1 - _____: you are tempted to sin by your own evil desire (James 1:13-15).
- B. Step 2 - _____: you give into temptation by committing sin.
- C. 3 Reasons for the Moral Responsibility of Man:
 - 1. We choose wrong while knowing right.
 - 2. The desire for sin comes from our own hearts.
 - 3. The sovereignty of God inspires repentance, not sin.

II. The Lord Confronts David's Pride (V. 10-17)

- A. Step 3 - _____: your heart is struck by the evil of your thoughts or actions.
- B. Step 4 - _____: you surrender to God's discipline even as you live by God's mercy.
- C. Three ways to respond well to God's discipline:
 - 1. _____ accept your own powerlessness.
 - 2. _____ seek to glorify God through your pain.
 - 3. _____ believe in God's mercy.

III. The Lord Redeems David and the People (V. 18-25)

- A. Step 5 - _____: You let the mercy of God drive you to worship.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Samuel 21:1-14.
2. How can God both allow sin to happen and yet never be the tempter of anyone? How are people still responsible for sin even though God could have stopped them if He wanted to?
3. Have you ever been struck by your sin right after you did it, like David did in verse 10? Why do we so often not realize how bad our sin is for us until after we have committed it?
4. How can God both forgive David and still punish him? Does that still happen today? How?
5. What are some ways you have experienced God's mercy and how is that making you a better worshiper?
6. What is the relationship between worship and sacrifice? Why does David seem to think his worship of God should come at a cost in verse 24?
7. Pray for each other, that you would all surrender to God's discipline even as you live by His mercy. Consider attending tonight's Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7 pm.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Ephesians 3-4

May Memory Verses: Ephesians 3:8-10

Mathew 7:7,8

*7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds,
and to the one who knocks it will be opened.*

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. If you were registered before, you will need to sign up again. The new registration will last through 9/5/21.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

DURING Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

PRAYING for Jules Spencer and Doug and Cheryl Derbyshire going to the mission field.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- Those with anxiety, employment, or health issues because of COVID
- Vacation Bible School: for each attendee, each teacher, each director, and for God to use VBS to bring families to Himself for salvation and be disciplined into fully devoted followers of Jesus.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus.
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Raul O. (mother, Josie), Zelma W. (father), Family of Ella Rae T., Don R. (wife, Brenda), Yvonne B. (husband, Pastor Jamal)
- Those struggling with on-going health and emotional issues:
Mary C. (breast cancer), Mary R. (possible dialysis), Don R. (sciatica pain), Harry and Pam D. (Harry's health and Pam's ongoing care-giving needs), Korrena C. (home but still receiving therapy), Debbie B. (breast cancer has spread to her bones, pray for successful treatment), Linda C. (anxiety over Greg's recent heart issues), Floyd and Pat W. (mobility issues and dementia), Mimi M. (spiking temperature and blood count issues), Camille K. (pain associated with cancer treatment), Debbie P. (surgery due to fractured hip), Twyla H. (dealing with repeated UTIs)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Ruthie C. (stomach repair), Ann W. (gallbladder removal)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Greg C. (stent in his heart), Yvonne P. (knee-replacement surgery), Dave C. (shoulder surgery)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Julia B., Reginald G.
- Others that you are aware of