

# THE DEVASTATION OF SIN (KING DAVID)

**2 Samuel 11:1–9, 14–15, 26–27; 12:7–18**

**1 Corinthians 6:19–20**

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19–20

**BIBLICAL PASSAGE**

**MEMORY VERSE**

The tragic nature of sin is that it is like a cancer. It is planted, grows, and spreads, affecting other people as its victims.

The tragedy for teenagers is in not knowing the sin they commit isn't just confined to a moment in time. It will affect their lives over time and the lives of others they love.

Read David's story of his sin with Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11:1–9, 14–15, 26–27; 12:7–18. David's sin resulted in an unwanted pregnancy. Immediately, David wanted to cover his tracks; he sent Bathsheba's husband home to her so that all would think he was the baby's father. But when Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, displayed absolute loyalty to his king and would not go home to his wife David felt he had no other choice but to commit another sin and, in

essence, have Uriah murdered. But the tragedy of David's sin would not end there. It would come back to haunt him and plague his household.

Our children might believe that the sins they commit are their own and affect no one else. This is a lie that the deceiver would have them believe. They need to learn the truth from those who love them the most. They also need to hear from their parents that there is grace when they sin—both from their parents and from their God. It begins with faith in Jesus Christ and His ability to forgive and to save. It continues with the confession of sin, agreeing with God over our sin and His righteousness, and then turning from sin to begin to live out His righteousness in our lives.

## FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

### Connect . . .

Note to Parents: This is a sensitive and serious issue, and you may want to take the lead in this family devotion time.

The family takes a set of dominoes and places them on their ends in a row, close together so they can push one end and watch the entire row fall on top of each other.

### Explore . . .

First, family members share in reading 2 Samuel 11:1–9, 14–15, 26–27; 12:7–18. Then, the family discusses: **What did David do first that led to sin? What happened afterward that drove him to sin further? Think about all the people who would be directly or indirectly affected by David's sin with Bathsheba. Make a list of these people. Who else has ever been hurt by something you have done? Where did it finally end?**

### Transform . . .

First, a family member reads: **You've just been exposed to some pretty graphic examples of sin coming from Scripture. It's as bad or worse than any soap opera. You've also come to understand how sin has a domino affect on the people it touches and hurts. What thought processes will you follow before you deliberately engage in a sinful act that will affect others you love?** The family uses this time to brainstorm ideas that they share in a popcorn fashion. Then, they use the ideas and formulate a practical plan that can be practiced. Finally, the family discusses how they will respond to each other with confession, grace, and forgiveness when sin occurs.

*Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict you and your family of any sins.*