

Pursuing God's Heart: Going the Wrong Way 2 Samuel 11

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Have you ever been going along fine in life when suddenly: Wham!! ...
...sin smashes into you like a Mack truck and your life spirals out of control?

...temptation comes out of nowhere and blindsides you?

...death shows up on your doorstep and he will not go away?

What do you do in times like these -- when sin gets the best of you and
the life you had is dying a slow death?

Big Idea: **Sin leads to death every time!**

Death of your **reputation**

- ▶ Live by doing **your job**. 2 Samuel 11:1
- ▶ Live by heeding **advice**. 2 Samuel 11:2-3

Death of **others'** reputations

- ▶ Live by fleeing **temptation**. 2 Samuel 11:4
- ▶ Live by **remembering** others. 2 Samuel 11:5

Death of the **truth**

- ▶ Live by **owning up** to it. 2 Samuel 11:6-13

Death of a **life**

- ▶ Living by seeing the **slippery slope**.
2 Samuel 11:14-24

Death of your relationship with **Jesus**

- ▶ Live by **repenting!** 2 Samuel 11:25-27

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Telling the **GOSPEL** Story

Good questions to ask yourself:

- ↪ Do you believe in God?
- ↪ What do you think He wants from you?
- ↪ Would it surprise you that God wants a relationship with you that starts now and lasts forever?

Here is a simple way to understand it:

God created us to be with Him.

Adam and Eve walked and talked with God. Genesis 1-2

Our sins separate us from God.

We all have broken God's laws and our relationship with Him is broken. Romans 5:12

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.

All sins must be punished for God to be the just Judge.
Romans 3:20

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

He lived the perfect life and took the punishment we deserve.
Romans 5:6-8

Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.

Admit you have sinned, ask God to forgive you, and trust that Jesus died for you! Romans 10:9-10

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

We are a new person spiritually. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Think about it:

- ↪ Does this make sense to you?
- ↪ Do you have any questions?
- ↪ Is there anything holding you back from putting your faith in Jesus right now?

Then talk to the Lord about your commitment:

Dear God, I know my sins have broken my relationship with You and nothing I could do could ever change that. But right now, I believe that Jesus died in my place and rose again from the dead. I trust in Him to forgive me for my sins. I accept Your offer of an eternal relationship with You and want to follow Your plans for my life. Amen.

Now connect with others who are following Jesus, too!