

Morning Worship

October 27, 2019

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ ---

Worship Leader — Romey Keith Davis

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

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Welcome and Fellowship Allan/People

Scripture Reading Romey Keith Davis

Hymn # 146 *O How He Loves You and Me* Romey/People

Worship Prayer Allan Lane

Hymn # 16 *O Worship the King* Romey/People

Hymn # 495 *Serve the Lord with Gladness* Romey/People

Offering Prayer LeRoy Bush

Tithes and Offerings People

Offering Music Alva Lou Schottel

Chorus # 69 *There Is a Savior* Romey/People

Chorus # 86 *Sanctuary* Romey/People

Message Bro. Allan

Hymn # 294 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* Romey/People

Prayer Concerns Allan/People

Closing Chorus # 579 *Shine, Jesus Shine* Romey/People

Confession of a Devoted Man

2 Samuel 11-12 October 6, 2019 pm - Revival

King David, while walking one night on the palace roof, looked down and saw a beautiful woman taking a bath. Any man who could see would have noticed her. If David had turned around and begun thinking about something else he might have avoided a sinful act.

However, he let that woman's beauty get into his mind. The Bible doesn't tell us how long he thought about her. It just says he decided that he wanted her. He decided to sin against God, Bathsheba, her husband Uriah, and himself.

That decision set into a motion a series of sins that would affect not only David but many other people as well. David's mistake has been made numerous times by other men. Men's eyes will always notice attractive women. Those notices must never develop into nests in our minds.

It's human nature to look for the easiest, most painless path to recovery. But the truth is it's not always easy or painless to fully recover from a fall. You may fall in your living room at home and land on your bottom and after a good laugh, get up and keep going. But if the fall is more serious, the recovery can be more complicated. You may have to get a cast, or wear one of those boots. You may have to stay off your

feet for a while, and go to some extra doctor appointments. This is also true about falling into sin. With some sins you just ask God for forgiveness, get back up, and keep going. But for more serious falls, a full recovery becomes more complicated.

It is these kinds of serious falls I want to talk with you about today. I am convinced many still limp through life, crippled by guilt because they've never truly experienced a full recovery from a fall. They've asked God to forgive them, but there is still a lingering sense of guilt, a sense that something is not quite right. Maybe you're not even sure how to make it right, how to come back to where you once were in your relationship with the Lord.

King David learned this lesson about recovery from sin. He had his own crippling fall- committing adultery, murder, and deceit. The Bible records his dirty deeds in all their ugliness, but the Bible also records his recovery from this fall.

Today we look briefly at David's fall and the three steps David went through to make a full recovery, and see how those same steps can help you and I make a full recovery when we fall into sin. If you have your Bible, open them to 2 Samuel 11 and 12, and let's learn how to make a full recovery from a fall into sin.

I. CONVICTION (v. 1-13a)

The first step to making a full recovery from a fall is to admit you are not OK. I've heard stories of people who fall and break a bone, but just try to nurse it along without a doctor. Later, they run into all kinds of complications because they didn't get proper medical treatment. You have to admit something is wrong before you can get it fixed.

King David is living in denial. It's been several months since he committed the double crimes of adultery and murder. He's trying to forget the whole thing, to bury the guilt of what he's done. He still says his prayers, worships the Lord, and sits on the throne. But God won't allow David to forget; God gets a conviction from David's own lips.

Don't overlook the mercy of God in verse 1: the Lord sent Nathan to David. God could have rejected David, as He did Saul. He could have left David crippled by his guilt, but no: God's goal is to lead David to experience a full recovery.

God's speaks through the prophet Nathan, who skillfully weaves a parable to present his case. As the prophet spins his tale of treachery, you see David's face turning red, and his blood pressure rising. The cold-heartedness of the rich man infuriates David. Finally he can't take it anymore. He rises from his throne and passes sentence on this sinner. As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die.

Then, in a tense, dramatic moment, Nathan fires the arrow into David's heart. You are the man! A look of confusion, mixed with anger spreads across the King's face, as Nathan delivers God's message.

Notice how God uses the word "I" in verses 7-8: I anointed you king. I saved you from Saul. I gave you your kingdom. I would have done even more for you.

Then the contrast in verses 9-10: you have despised God's commands. You have killed Uriah. You have committed adultery. You have despised Me.

God's sentence is passed in verses 11-12: You will experience trouble and heartache in your own family. Your wives will be taken from you. What you've done in the dark, I will bring into the noonday sun.

What can David say? He might continue to deny his sin. He could order Nathan arrested for treason. But David recognizes God's voice when he hears it. He breaks down and in tears, admits he is guilty. God has convicted David; now David convicts himself by confessing his sin. After a year of limping around, David is now on his way to a full recovery.

Does this seem harsh or lenient? Compared to Achan it's a totally different scenario. Some might say that since David confessed his sin, then why doesn't God just forgive and forget David's sin? Because only through conviction and confession will David ever fully recover from his fall into sin. You and I must experience conviction and confession, too, if you want to fully recover from your fall.

You must allow God to convict you. It's much easier to do as David did, and see sin worse in others than you do in yourself. How angry you can get at someone else's wickedness, but how patient and forgiving you can be with yourself. But God is merciful; He will not let us die in denial; He will send a Nathan to help us face up to our own wickedness. Then you must decide: will I keep living in denial, or will you confess as David did? Will you say I am the man?

Being general director of the New York opera took a toll on Beverly Sills. Under the stress she ballooned into obesity. "It made me sick to look at myself. It was too embarrassing." Eventually Sills was forced to face the problem. She said, "I woke up one day and realized I was not just overweight, I was really ill." So she went to see a specialist. "He put me on the scales. They read 215 pounds. 'I cannot possibly weigh that much!' I gasped. And the doctor said, 'Please look down. Are those two fat feet on the scale yours or mine?'" Beverly smiles. "Once I accepted the problem, I was on my way to recovery."

Are you in denial today? Is there some area of your life where God is convicting you? The first step to a full recovery is to admit your guilt - both to God and yourself. Only after you have been convicted of your sin and confess it are you ready for the second step for a full recovery from a fall.

II. CLEANSING (v. 13b)

There is a wealth of hope in those 11 words. The Law of Moses was very specific about the penalty for David's sin of adultery:

Deuteronomy 22:22 "If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die—the man that lay with the woman, and the woman.

God's penalty for murder went even further back to the covenant with Noah after the flood in Genesis 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed.

The Law makes no distinction or exception for the king. David is under a double sentence of death. This is what makes Nathan's words so remarkable when he says to the guilty King ...the Lord has taken away your sin. You shall not die.

What's the deal here? Why is God so lenient with a man who has committed such crimes? Because God wants to make sure you and I get a very important message: God's grace will forgive and cleanse the worst sinner who comes to Him in repentance and faith.

Now you could ask, how do you get all of that out of these words? Turn to Psalm 51 - a song David wrote to describe God's grace to him after his fall.

Look at verses 1-3. David is truly sorry for his sins. He doesn't try to hide or deny. He knows he's done wrong, and now he wants God to forgive him. That's repentance.

Look at verses 7, 9, and 10. David believes God can forgive him. In fact, he knows only God can cleanse him from his guilt, and save him from the death he deserves. That's faith. David's faith looks forward to the Cross as our faith looks back in time to the Cross. David clings by faith to God's grace to forgive and cleanse him from his sin (Ephesians 2:8-9).

God did not spare David because of his goodness. He did not commute his double death sentence because David was king. It is purely God's grace that saves him and cleanses him.

This is how God cleanses you and me, too. God will never forgive you for your sins because you are good enough, or because you had good intentions, or because He just lets some people off the hook. The only way you and I can make a full recovery from our sins is by God's grace. When you and I repent of our sins, and trust in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, God forgives us and cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:8-9).

Can you see God's prescription for a full recovery from a fall into sin? Repent- change your mind about your sin. Be willing to turn away from doing wrong. Then trust Christ- believe that you cannot cleanse yourself, that only He can cleanse you, and that only He will cleanse you by His blood. This is an essential step in making a full recovery from a fall into sin.

No matter what sins are in your past or your present - no matter how bad you've been, or how guilty you are - God will forgive and cleanse you today. If He could forgive David of adultery, He can forgive you. If He could cleanse the bloody hands of David the murderer, He can cleanse you. He offers you His grace this morning, if you will repent and trust Christ.

Conviction, cleansing are two steps in making a complete recovery. But there's one more.

III. CONSEQUENCES (v.14-31)

A little boy was out throwing rocks when he broke the glass of a streetlight. He felt so guilty about it he confessed his crime to his dad. Finally, he asked his father, "Daddy, what should I do?" The father replied, "Do? We're going to have to tell the authorities, and you will have to work to pay for the damage you did." This is not exactly how the boy wanted to handle the situation. "But Dad," he said, "I thought all I had to do was ask God to forgive me!"

As wonderful and as healing as God's forgiveness is, it does not always free us from the consequences of our actions. Even after you recover from a fall, you may carry the scars with you the rest of your life. Though David is forgiven, he must face both the negative and positive the consequences of his sin.

First, we see the negative. In addition to the judgment Nathan has already pronounced, God also tells David his son by Bathsheba will die. When the baby gets sick, David still pleads for mercy, fasting and praying that God will spare the child. But in the end, the baby does die. This story serves as a sad reminder of how often the sins of parents cause their children to suffer. I am reminded of how the children of drug addicts or alcoholics suffer because of the wrongdoing of their parents. But David still expresses hope in verse 23 (read).

God goes on to show His grace even more in the positive consequences of David's forgiveness. David and Bathsheba have another son named Jedidiah = Beloved of the Lord. But you and I know this boy as Solomon = He [God] brings peace. You can see the irony of the fact that the next king of Israel is born to the woman with whom David committed adultery. Solomon would also have his problems with wives, following in the footsteps of his father, but remember Solomon would have never been born if David had not married Bathsheba. God takes something bad and brings good out of it.

Finally, the Ammonite city of Rabbah is defeated. It's no accident that the author of 2 Samuel places this part of the story here. This military victory for the King demonstrates that God was not finished with David. David has sinned, he has

repented and been forgiven, he will live with some terrible consequences, but God still had plans for the man after His own heart.

Conclusion:

A farmer once had a young son who was getting into trouble. One day he called the boy over to a fence post and told him, "John, you are getting into the habit of doing wrong. From now on, when you're naughty, I'll drive a nail into this post. When you do what's right, I'll draw one nail out." It wasn't long until the boy saw quite a few nails going into the post, and it started to make him feel guilty. He started doing better, and the nails began to come out.

Finally, the last nail came out, and his proud father called him over to see the post. But instead of joy, the boy burst into tears. "Son," the father asked, "why are you crying? I thought you'd be happy at all the nails gone." But the boy looked up in shame at his father, and said, "Yes, daddy, but look at all the scars left where the nails have been!"

Making a full recovery doesn't mean there are never any scars from your sin. You cannot always undo what you've done; you cannot always unsay what you've said. There are always consequences when we fall that we will have to live with, even after God forgives us.

Don't forget that God can always take what you and I mean for evil, and turn it into good. God still reserves the right to use your biggest mistakes and failures to bring Him glory. God can redeem any person or any situation, if they are in His hands.

What God did for David He wants to do for you today. What must you do? You must come honestly to the Lord, confess your sin, and repent. You must believe that He can and will forgive you and cleanse you. You must believe that no matter what the consequences, it will be worth it to be free and forgiven. Today, will you come to the Lord and find the peace and healing you need?

Knowing You've Worshipped

Recently I've been thinking about our Sunday morning worship and whether we need to make any changes. This past Wednesday evening our study time focused on worship. We discussed the elements that make up good worship and how we can be more engaged. How do you know when you've worshipped?

Perhaps we need to do a survey. We haven't done that in a while. What elements should be included in an effective evaluation? Some categories to inquire about might include *atmosphere*. Does Sunday morning church remind you of a funeral parlor or a political rally? Are things joyous and contagious or solemn and angry? Is there a welcoming spirit or do visitors feel ignored and out of place? Does the bulletin seem attractive and well-prepared or more like the classified ads? Are the few announcements we do a distraction or well blended into the rest of the worship time?

Another category might include *language*. Is there so much religious jargon that what's being said and done doesn't come across clearly or widely understood? Do things flow clear and easy or does it appear that things are abrupt and disjointed. The flow of everything should not be out of time, but smooth and as if every component was a part of the whole.

What about the *theme*? Well, there should be an evident theme. Often that's only communicated through the sermon, but the overall theme should always be to prepare our hearts to worship the Lord and relate to all participants. I must confess, it's always a challenge to think about preparing a clear theme for a diverse group of people. But it can be done.

What about the *music*? Is it dead or alive...and bright? Does the music cause you to reflect upon your relationship to God or distract from engaging with God's Spirit? In the hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* the composer describes his backsliding – "prone to wander, Lord, I feel it." It amazes me how 270 years after those words were written they still speak of who

we are today. Some things don't change.

And last, what about the message? Be honest. There's always the good, the bad, and the ugly. Is the preaching insightful or stale? Is God's Word the central focus of interpretation or is there too much personal opinion? Does illustrative material enhance the truth or cloud the thoughts? Is the presentation such that you are encouraged to respond to God's pleading or is it inappropriate to the message?

Well, these are just a few thoughts. Our culture is different than it was even 15-20 years ago. If we are to remain relevant we must be successful in adapting to reach our community. Our Sunday morning worship must be just that: worship. True worship treasures God's presence. True worship humbles the heart. True worship sacrifices and then expects something from God. True worship extends God's love. Are you a true worshipper?

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan ☺

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: LeRoy Bush, Don Sharp, Gary Yarbrough, Ken Nice

Alternate: Joe Coats

No Evening Worship ..6:30 pm

Monday, October 28

and Tuesday, October 29

Missouri Baptist Convention

Branson, MO

Wednesday, October 30

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Sunday, November 3, 2019

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: LarryMcKahan, John Lewis, George Burgess, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Worship..... 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 6

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Thursday, November 7

Senior Adult Event.....10 am
FBC, Saint Joseph

Up-Coming Events

**October 28-29 — Missouri Baptist Convention
Annual Meeting, Branson, Missouri**

November 3 — Daylight Saving Time ends

November 4 — Food Kitchen 5:30 pm

November 7 — Senior Adult Event—FBC, Saint Joseph

**November 24—Church Thanksgiving Dinner
and Business Meeting—noon (date change)**

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** Everyone make a contact! Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

Sunday Night

We will not have Sunday Night service tonight. Come study together with our church family next Sunday evening, November 3 at 6:30 as we continue to study *The Ten Commandments*.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

This week we will begin a new study. Won't you please attend and pray for the direction of our church?

Israel Report

November 10th during the morning worship time Pastor Allan and Ellen will be sharing information from their recent trip to Israel. Don't miss it!

Missouri Baptist Annual Meeting

October 28-29, 2019

**Urgent Prayer Need
Youth Sunday School Teacher**

Praise the Lord! One person has already expressed a sense of God's call, but it's a big job. It would be good to have more than one person. Pray about it! God may be calling you, too!

For more information,
talk to Bro. Allan.

**Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 3**

Please remember to set your clocks back 1 hour
Saturday night,
November 2, 2019.

**Operation Christmas Child
Collection Week:
November 18-25**
Our Collection day is Sunday, November 17

For the Record-

Attendance: October 20, 2019

Sunday School.....	24
Visitors.....	0
Total.....	24
Contacts Made.....	0
Morning Worship.....	54
Sunday Youth Trip	12
Sunday Night	8
Children's Worship	N/A
Wednesday Night	6

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 1,016.15

Long Family – October \$ 115.00

Offering Received by Mail:

November Counting Team:

John Lewis and Bill Schottel

November Van Driver:

George Burgess

Remember to call 232-3747

before 8 am if you need a ride.

November Birthdays:

07...Alva Lou Schottel

13...Shirley Wilson

14...Ann Riddle

16...Nancy McCamy

22...Linda Dotson

23...Floetta Conard

27...Linda Kerns

November Anniversaries

Bill and Donna Dunn

November 3, 1995

Jack and Flo Conard

November 4, 1956

Jim and Brigida Winans

November 28, 1975

Prayer Requests ...

Jim and Brigida Winans

Carl Conard—Jack's cousin

Ryan Hutcherson—LoLeta's grandson

John Lewis

Ruth Anne Bush

Mike Green—ankle surgery

Jack and Flo Conard

Bill Dunn, Donna's husband

Sharon Russell—George's sister

June Fritchle

Gary Hurst—cancer

Susie Long—Alice Coat's Sister

Swymeller's Grandsons—kidneys

Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery

Sandy and Stanley Wilson

Linda Huff—PTL! Cancer free!

Romey Keith Davis—Music

Marcia and Don Hart—blessings

Arlette Duty—strength

Karissa and Matt Long and family

Tim Waters

Chuck and Gloria Stewart
Sharri Duty
Stephanie & Jason Terpack—guidance
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
Doris Richardson Elmer Mayse
Kevin Duty Tim Izer
Betty Campbell Nellie Reynolds
Ann Riddle Kenny Duty
Keon McKahan Buddy Means
Jozy Winans Curtis Conard
Pat Means Seth Long
Bill & Juanita Brenda Burgess
Pat Puckett
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service Women and Men
Terrorism in our world

Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
