

Let's Talk: Day 148-One Story

David & Bathsheba – David's Sin, Confession & Judgment & the Birth of Solomon

Today's Reading: 2Samuel 11* & 12:1-25; Psalms 51

Is there something you want that someone else has? Draw a picture of it. Ask God to take away that desire. Cross out the picture and then draw a picture of something that you are thankful you have. Older kids: this is a good opportunity to have a discussion with your kids about purity and/or the crucial conversation Nathan had with David.

Questions:

1. Sometimes we can get ourselves into big trouble because we make an initial wrong choice and things get worse from there. What was David's first bad choice? How did David continue making wrong choices?
2. How did God communicate with David about his sin? Who did the lamb picture? What can you learn from this conversation about confronting people that have sinned?
3. Did God forgive David? What were the consequences for David's sin?
4. What is David's attitude in Psalm 51? Did he make excuses?

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Let's Talk: Day 149

David, Amnon, Tamar & Absalom – David, the Passive Father

Today's Reading: 2Samuel 13* & 14; Deuteronomy 22: 25-27

Sometime during the day or evening, do a kind act in secret for someone else in the family. Before 24 hours have passed, share the act that was done for you and try to guess who did it.

Questions:

1. Who gave Amnon bad advice? Why is it so important for our close friends to share our values?
2. As a father, how did David deal with Amnon's sin? How do parents need to have conversations with their kids when they sin? Do you think Absalom acted because David didn't? Was that right?
3. According to Deuteronomy, what should David have done? Why did it take David so long to forgive Absalom?
4. How can sin, when not dealt with quickly and directly, multiply? How did it multiply in this case?

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Let's Talk: Day 150

Absalom's Treason – Absalom's Insurrection & David's Escape

Today's Reading: 2Samuel 15 & 17:25-29; Psalm 3

Get some sleeping bags out and have a snack of honey, bread and cheese.

Questions:

1. How did Absalom try to win people to his side?
2. What kind of relationship do you think Absalom had with God?
3. Why did David have to flee? Parents, how would you feel if your child rebelled? What and who did he say needed to stay in Jerusalem? Why?
4. What does Psalm 3 reveal about David's attitude during this trial? If you were in David's place, what would you be thinking? How can we grow to be able to have the same trust in God that David did?

Let's Talk: Day 151

Absalom's Death – Absalom's Murder & David's Mourning

Have a family run (or three-legged race). Who can outrun whom?

Today's Reading: 2Samuel 18 & 19:1-23; 2Samuel 12:9-12

Questions:

1. What happened to Absalom? How did David take the news?
2. How was the victory turned to mourning? Who confronted David about it?
3. How did David show mercy and help unify the country again?
4. How was the prophecy of 2Samuel 12 fulfilled? How do the consequences of our sin sometimes last a long time even though we are forgiven?

Let's Talk: Day 152

David & the Psalms – David, the Sweet Psalmist of Israel, Writes Psalm 18

Today's Reading: 2Samuel 22 & 23:1-7; Psalms 18

In these readings, David says the Lord rewards him for doing what is right. Do you get rewards at home? Assign each family member to another family member and catch them doing the right thing. Each time they are caught doing the right thing, add a penny to a jar. When the jar is full, plan something fun to do as a family.

Questions:

1. David declared that "God is" several things to him. Name some. What is God to you?
2. What did David do when he was overwhelmed? What's your first response when you are overwhelmed? How can you call on God?
3. How does David describe God? Draw a picture based on David's description. Is this how you typically see God? Why or why not?
4. Do you talk to God like David did? Why or why not? How do you develop that kind of relationship?

Let's Talk: Day 153

David & His Mighty Men – David's Men Were Mighty Because God Was With Them

Today's Reading: 2Samuel 23:8-39; 1Chronicles 11:10; Zechariah 10:5

Have everybody share about a time when they were brave. Give each other a "mighty man" strength challenge like: How many books can you

lift with your feet? How many cookies can you balance on your face?
How many pushups can you do while singing the national anthem?
Questions:

1. Who is your favorite “mighty man” of this reading? Why?
2. What do you think it takes to be a mighty man of God?
3. Part of David’s success came from surrounding himself with the right people. Are there any mighty men in your life? Who? Anyone you would like to know?
4. Adults: share someone you knew in your life as a child or teen who was a mighty person of God. Explain why.

Let’s Talk: Day 154

Today’s Reading: Weekly day OFF

Weekly Review: Think back on this week’s reading. What story stands out to you and why? As a family, pick a verse from the week to meditate on or memorize.

As we review this week’s reading of David’s life what would you say are his best character traits? Where are his character flaws? What are your character strengths and flaws? What verses can you find to build up the places in your character that you are weak?