

David Part13 | The Conclusion | Pastor Steve Wells | 10.27.2019
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Memory Verse: Jeremiah 9:23-25

²³This is what the LORD says: "Don't let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches.²⁴ But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the LORD who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the LORD, have spoken!"

2 Samuel 24

Today, Pastor Steve concluded our study on King David. In the very beginning (Part 3-08.18.2019), we were given 10-character flaws that would lead David into trouble: Pride, Insecurity, Self-Reliance, Emotional Decisions, People Pleasing, Impatience, Jealousy, Lying, and Sinful Desires. This week, Go Deeper into **2nd Samuel Chapter 24** and read about how David's character flaws land him-and Israel-in trouble.

2 Samuel 24:1-9--- David Takes a Census

- Why did David take a census?
- Who did David say the census was for?
- Why do you think Joab questioned the order?
- Who had the authority to order a census? (Were these God's people or David's?)
- Was everyone counted in the census? Who was counted? Why does this matter?

David wanted to know the number of capable warriors he had to fight for him. David was prideful of the number of warriors and people under his command.

- Is there a time when pride overcame you and you did something you knew was wrong?
- When you have something great, it is because of God--do you always remember He is the reason you have what you do?

David was not only prideful of what he had, but he was self-reliant--relying on numbers and men and not God.

- How often do you rely on numbers and others (money, friends, personal gain, cars, your own abilities and other material things)?
- How often do you fully trust and rely on God?

2 Samuel 24:10-17--- Judgment for David's Sin

- Why did David feel guilty?
- What punishment did David choose? Why do you think David chose the punishment he did?
- What do you think the importance of each punishment was?
 - To have 3 years of famine—David would need to rely on the neighbors and people around him.
 - To flee from his enemies for three months—David would need to depend on the high number of warriors in Israel.
 - To have three days of plague—David could only depend on God for rescue.

David realized he chose to put his trust and worth in the amount of men he had. In choosing his punishment, he chose to rely on God instead of falling into "human hands".

- Can you think of a time you were not putting your faith and trust in God—how did you make a change?
- How did David feel when everyone around him was punished for his sin?
- Do others get punished for/ have to deal with the consequences of our sins? How does that make you feel?

2 Samuel 24:18-25--- David Builds an Altar

- Why do you think Araunah offered the items to the king?
- Why didn't David want Araunah's items for free?
- What does this mean for us and our offerings?
- David willingly gave up something in order to make a sacrifice and offering to God.
 - When you give an offering- are you giving willing and sacrificially?

David had many character flaws, which often lead him to sin. These sins caused him and those around him great turmoil and distress. David continued to choose to turn back to God and repent. Even in our failures we can learn more about God and grow closer to Him. David's failures teach us how damaging these flaws are and how important it is to rely and fully trust in God. Whatever flaws and sins you have in your life you can make the choice, like David, to turn away from sin and turn back to God.