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# Message: "A Man After God's Own Heart: The Life of David"

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## "The Slippery Slope of Compromise"



### Introduction:

How is it possible for the "mighty" to fall?

I. An overview of the life of King David... in one breath!

II. The stages of compromise in the life of David

Slip #1: I'm \_\_\_\_\_! 1 Samuel 29:5  
(*"Faster than a speeding bullet..."*)

Slip #2: \_\_\_\_\_ pursuit of MORE! II Samuel 8:1-6; 2:10-13

Slip #3: Denial of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_! 2 Samuel 11:1-5

Slip #4: "Uriah-gate" Cover up! 2 Samuel 11:6-17

Slip #5: \_\_\_\_\_! 2 Samuel 11:26

III. The only hope of survival/renewal: \_\_\_\_\_!  
2 Samuel 12:1-13

IV. How can we avoid the slippery slope of compromise in our lives? 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

1. Live all of life based on the faithfulness of God and in the power of His grace.
2. Identify evil and the danger of flirting with temptations, which opens us to being exposed to more powerful evils.
3. Have accountability partners.
4. Recognize the numerous forms of compromise lurking at every corner of life. ("Come on, you deserve it.")
5. Be aware of smooth flatteries and enticing fantasies of temptations.
6. Stop rationalizations.
7. Stay far away from the arena of sin.
8. Be filled with the knowledge God has given us to avoid the costly consequences of sin.

(Key: Unstoppable/Impenetrable (superman!); Undisciplined; risk; peril; Busted; Repent)

# Small Group Discussion Guide

## Share

1. What part of Sunday's message challenged or stimulated you?
2. How do you see "compromise" showing up in David's life? In our culture? If you feel comfortable, share a time when you were tempted to compromise your faith? What happened?

## Study

1. Read Psalm 18 (or II Samuel 22 – they are the same!) What does this Psalm reveal regarding the character and faith of David?
2. II Samuel 7 records God's promise to David to make his throne an eternal one. Read David's prayer in verses 18 through 29, which he prayed upon receiving God's promise through the prophet Nathan.
3. This chapter also records a personal disappointment for David – what was it? How does his prayer, then, further highlight for us David's character, faith and trust in God?
4. Read II Samuel 12: 1-14. Do you have a "Nathan" in your life? Who is he/she?
5. Read Psalm 103 in your Bible and list God's promises to us as recorded in this Psalm.
6. David surrounded himself with good company. Read II Samuel 23:8-39 to review again the names and exploits of the Mighty Men of King David.

## Support (select one or more of the three to use in your support and prayer for one another)

1. We can look at the story of King David as being symbolic of what happens in a Christian's life as he/she gives his/her life over to God, for Him to reign. Just as David was given a kingdom, we are given a kingdom – our very own lives. Both internal and external enemies will threaten it. With this symbolism in mind, how do you see the Holy Spirit working in your life to bring you to a place of victory and reigning with Jesus Christ in Lordship over you? How can your brothers and sisters pray for you?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 10:6-13. How do these verses apply to the lessons we learn from the life of David, and how do they apply to our own lives? Specifically, how can your community pray for you?
3. How can we err sometimes in being presumptuous regarding God's will for our lives, and in trying to carry out God's will in our way, rather than His? What does this statement mean to you: "If we want to serve God, we must sign onto His agenda and use His methods, not just make our plans and expect God to endorse them." Pray for one another and ask the Spirit to mold lives to the perfect will of God and that hearts would beat in sync with His.





