**WEEK 8 | 2 SAMUEL 8 – 12 | EFFECT OF SIN: ON ME**

HOMEWORK: Read 2 Samuel 8 – 12

In 2 Samuel 8, with whom were David and his men fighting?

* Do you find it disturbing that David was so brutal? Why do you think God was okay with that?
* Why do you think David was permitted to plunder for the Lord?

Read Deuteronomy 17:16

* In addition to the fact that David didn't want the horses to be used by the people of Zobah, what do these verses tell us about why David didn't save the Chariot horses for his own use?

In 2 Samuel 9 we see David fulfill his covenant with Saul, Jonathan and their house in the life of Jonathan's son Mephiboseth.

* Why is this important?
* Do you think that you have any responsibility of being a positive influence on children of your friends or acquaintances? Why or why or why not?
* Conversely, when you bring people into your home, do you consider what influence they have on your children?

Review 2 Samuel 10:1-19.

* In verses 1-8, how did the Ammonites respond to David's expression of sympathy and why?
* When Joab & the soldiers with him drew near to battle, what actions did the Arameans and Ammonites take?
* What was the result when the Syrians gathered again? (vs. 15-19)

Review 2 Samuel 11:1-5

* When it was time for "kings to go forth to battle" what did David do?
* “History shows that many kings thought themselves above the law because they represented the highest judicial law in the land. Perhaps this contributed to David's vulnerability. Certainly, temptation increased when he allowed himself to watch Bathsheba bathe.” (Quest Study Bible)
* What strong feeling is meant by the phrase "he saw"? See Matthew 5:28.
* Rather than resist temptation, David gave into it. What was the resulting sin? What were the consequences?

Review 2 Samuel 11:6-27

* When David learned that Bathsheba was expecting his child, what did he do that compounded his sin?
* In verse 25 we read David's message to Joab concerning Joab's part in killing Uriah. How do you think this affected Joab's feelings about his king and leader?
* How did David rationalize his actions in having Uriah killed?
* What do you think David's true intentions were toward Bathsheba? Was this true love, lust or guilt?

Review 2 Samuel 12:7-25

* What was God's judgement on David and what was David's immediate response?
* God "took away" David's sin. But because of the contempt shown (blasphemy), what was the first consequence of David's sin?
* How did David respond to the death of his son?
* David accepted God's will. Study Micah 7:7-9 Write this in your own words. Be ready to share what comfort this can bring to our lives.

Read Psalms 32, 38, and 51 which are “penitential Psalms” and said to have been written at this time (particularly 51).

* What do these Psalms reveal to you concerning David's inward feelings about his sin?
* At the time the Lord sent Nathan to speak to David it's possible that more than a year had passed since David had married Bathsheba. Do you think David was possibly expecting to "get away with it" in God's sight?
* How did David respond to the case presented by Nathan?

**\*Come prepared this week to discuss the effect my sin has on me (next week we’ll discuss the effect my sin has on others), and repentance.**