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Failed and Fallen

from our series, *Powerful: Stories from 1 & 2 Samuel*

Warmup: (This is not an easy warmup, and our stories are not easy stories. We're jumping into the deep end at the beginning.) *Name a way that you have been impacted by sin. It could be light if you don't want the conversation getting too heavy all at once.*

READ 2 Samuel 11 and 12:1-10

- How do you feel after reading these stories?
    - How do you think Bathsheba felt?
    - How might David have felt?
- David makes a series of mistakes that lead to raping Bathsheba and murdering Uriah. What are the mistakes and why does this "man after God's own heart" make them?
- Nathan challenges David. Is that a sign of God's grace or accusation? Or both?

REFLECT

- God's response to human sin is threefold: (i.) Send people to help us face our sin; (ii.) Send consequences of our sin; (iii.) Send Jesus to shoulder the ultimate consequences, forgive us, and lead us to new life.
    - How have you experienced each of these?
    - Is it easy or hard to face your sin?
    - Do you ever doubt Jesus' forgiveness?
- Read Psalm 51
    - Name some sinful realities in our culture. Then ask God to "create in our culture a clean heart" (Psalm 51:10).
    - If you feel safe and courageous, name some sinful realities in your life. Then ask God to create in each of you a clean heart.
- What scriptures in the New Testament speak to the forgiveness and new life that Jesus brings?

RESPOND

- Spend one minute in silence sitting with the weight of the world's sin.
- Spend one more minute in silence sitting with the weight of Jesus' love and forgiveness for the world.
- Spend one final minute in silence sitting with the weight of Jesus' love and forgiveness for you.
- Share prayer requests and also pray for someone you can invite to the worship service this Sunday.