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Dec. 5 - Dec. 9

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- I. We recently looked at the temptation and fall of King David into sin. Read ([2 Samuel 11:1-5](#)). As a group, outline what you see as the classic steps into sin as David is lured in. At what point could he have abandoned the temptation and not sinned? When does temptation actually become sin? Should we feel guilty when we are being tempted to sin? Explain. Note the process of digression outlined in [James 1:12-15](#). How does [Hebrews 4:14-16](#) shed light on this topic?
- II. Now compare Joseph's response to temptation to David's. Read [Genesis 39:6-12](#). What lessons on overcoming temptation can we draw from Joseph? See also [1 Cor. 6:18 and 1 Cor. 10:12-13](#). What other insights to overcoming temptation can you offer to the group?
- III. David succumbs to temptation and suffers dearly for it, especially as he tries to cover up his sins. Read [2 Samuel 12:1-13](#). Nathan "catches" David by an analogy (story) that ultimately reflects his own actions. What is David's response when he is confronted by Nathan? When should we approach other Christians who are willfully sinning? Note [Galatians 6:1, Luke 17:1-4, 1 Cor. 5:1-5](#). Consider how these principles of confrontation could be applied in a church today.

Close your group by slowly reading [Psalm 32](#). Ask God to reveal any willful sin in your life. Take time to confess and renounce sin, trusting God to forgive your sin and cleanse you as he has promised in [1 John 1:9](#). Be on your guard for temptations that could lead you right back to sin and be ready to respond according to what we have just studied.



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