

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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Second Samuel eleven is a sober reminder of the truth we looked at earlier. **There is no such thing as seniority with God.** Our fellowship with God is moment by moment and there is no time in our lives that we can coast. I have often taught in leadership conferences that there is only one way to go when you begin to coast and that is downhill! No one coasts up to the next level! David took the advice of his senior advisors and stayed home from the battle. It was a tragic mistake. An idle mind is the devil's workshop. David opened himself up to temptation and the enemy of our souls who is always roaring about as a lion seeking whom he may devour. He caught David in a moment of weakness and struck him with an arrow of lust and the rest is sad history. A child lost his life. A godly man was struck down in his prime years without ever knowing why.

A horrible murder and adulterous relationship ship was covered up until God said, Nathan, confront the king and let him know I know. Nathan did. David repented, but it cost him a higher price than he ever dreamed it would. David repented in sackcloth and ashes and wrote down his

thoughts in the stirring fifty-first Psalm. A prayer of confession of a man who realized the depth of his trespass. He stepped over the line and out of the God-given boundaries written on tablets of stone with the finger of God Himself. He twisted and distorted the truth and committed iniquity in his heart in the sinister cover-up. Finally, he missed God's design for his life in areas that only eternity will tell. The amazing grace and mercy of God is shown toward the repentant king, and he lived to rejoice in the blessedness of one who is forgiven. Everyone is grateful for the companion and complimentary psalm of the confession of Psalm fifty-one, Psalm thirty-two, the beautiful and timeless song of cleansing and of a life made brand new again and the rejoicing, peace, and direction that comes from a cleansed life.

Prayer and Action Steps

Have you sinned before God, and God is calling your name to repent and start fresh and new? Don't feel like it can never be the same with God. It can be better. He will forgive you and restore you. Call upon God. Ask for mercy. He is faithful to forgive and let you start new!

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

