



Location, Location, Location

MAIN THING

The First And Best Way To Avoid Sin Is To Be Where You Are Supposed To Be

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 11:1-4, Proverbs 5:7-11, Matthew 6:22, Proverbs 4:23, Proverbs 10:9, Mark 12:30-31

ICEBREAKER

The thing I love most about fall is

OPENING THOUGHT

The story of King David's adultery with Bathsheba is one of the darkest stories in the Bible. "The man after God's own heart" found out the hard way that sin has a way of growing and metastasizing like cancer. The old saying, "Sin will take you further than you ever wanted to go, make you stay longer than you ever wanted to stay, and make you pay far more than you ever wanted to pay" is definitely true in this case. And like all sin, it could have easily been avoided had David simply been where he was supposed to be.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
2. The sermon identified five places- five "locations"- we are supposed to be: 1) Physically, 2) Technologically, 3) Emotionally, 4) Relationally, and 5) Spiritually. In your opinion, which is the most dangerous of the five? Which "location" is the temptation the greatest?
3. Not only are we supposed to be where WE are supposed to be, we also have a responsibility for our Christian brothers and sisters. If you are a parent, you have the responsibility for making sure your children are where they are supposed to be- in all five locations. How can we help our fellow Christians "be where they are supposed to be" so that we make our own mistakes and not King David's?

LIFE APPLICATION

The problem with sin is that it looks tiny and insignificant until it blows up bigger than you ever thought. David thought that a little one night stand would be just that- until it blew up into adultery, murder, and rebellion in his family in the next generation. When David felt the full consequences of his sin, I would imagine that he looked back on that night and wished he would have been out with his army instead of at the palace. His story is in the Bible for a reason- we are to learn from it and not make his mistakes. Can you think of a "location" you need to change today?

CHALLENGE

We need to ruthlessly examine our lives to see if we are any place we aren't supposed to be. It's not the time to be nice, kind, or accommodating. If you are in the wrong location physically, technologically, emotionally, relationally, or spiritually, it's only a matter of time before you make King David's mistake. Make sure that if you are tempted and you sin, you've made the devil work very hard to get you. Don't be labelled, "Easy pickings" or "Low hanging fruit" in Satan's situation room. It's extremely difficult to tempt people who are where they are supposed to be. Make it difficult for Satan to tempt you.