

**CHAPTER 12
SETTLING
IN THE LAND**

The Trials
Of A King

by
Pastor
Don Porter



**SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

**THIS SUNDAY
AT CROSSPOINT**

King's Kids
in worship

Nursery
(ages 1-5)

11:00 AM
The Story Bible Study
Worship Center

11:00 AM
Young Adults Meeting
Music Room

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

David was the least likely among his brothers to be anointed king. He was the last person on the battlefield you'd pick to play the hero's part against the giant Goliath, but David was the underdog who overcame. And he was the man after God's own heart who became the king of Israel. But David's eyes wandered and so did his heart. Sin costs us and other people more than we will ever know.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is a time for remembering and rejoicing, watching and waiting. On the Sundays leading up to Christmas, we rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Jesus Christ. To help us celebrate, we light the candles of the Advent wreath each Sunday. The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World. The evergreens remind us that He is life and brings life to us and are arranged in a circle because life in Christ has no end.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness—on them light has shined.
Isaiah 9:2, NRSV



FAMILY SERVICE TODAY

The first Sunday of the month is our family service! Children are in worship with us and will be helping lead worship in various ways. We praise God for so many children and youth at CrossPoint and for the opportunity to worship together! It's just one of the ways we value intergenerational relationships within our church family.

welcome guests!

Welcome to CrossPoint, we're so glad you're here! Help us get to know you by filling out the Connection Card in the seat pocket or the online card (found at the QR code on the back of this bulletin).

Please stop by Guest Central in the lobby after the service so we can give you our welcome gift, ministry guide, and a copy of The Story. We can't wait to meet you!

young adults meeting today

If you are a young adult post high school through age 29, Pastor Don wants to hear from you! You're an important part of CrossPoint both now and in the future, and we want your thoughts on ministry plans at this church! Please come to a meeting TODAY at 11:00 AM in the Music Room.

christmas decor

Many volunteers came together to make CrossPoint look extra Christmasy this year! Special thanks to the Design and Décor Team, Paul and Amy Mulder, maintenance staff, Monday night decorating team, the Mesman family, and CrossPoint Youth!

JOIN THE

Christmas
Choir

Sing the Hallelujah Chorus
and other Christmas
favorites on
Sunday, December 26

Rehearsals in the Music Room on
Sunday, Dec 12 at 11:00 AM
Sunday, Dec 19 at 11:45 AM

All are welcome!



In November, Piecemakers donated handmade quilts to Choices and Assure womens clinics.

business office manager

After years of faithful service to CrossPoint Church, Dale Feikema has announced his retirement as Business Manager. Through his steadfast and consistent work, Dale has done an amazing job providing support and stability at a much needed time. As Dale transitions to retirement in the coming months, please pray for the process of finding his replacement in this critical position for the church. Details regarding the position opening for Business Manager can be found at crosspointchino.org/employment

pastor of community life

We are excited to have the opportunity to hire Danny Unterkofler as our Pastor of Community Life. Danny will preach on Sunday, December 19 and will be available to respond to any questions from the congregation immediately following the service. This will be followed by an advisory congregational vote to ratify the Consistory's decision to call him as Pastor of Community Life for CrossPoint. In this position, Danny will help connect people to opportunities for ministry using their spiritual gifts with focused attention on the post-college through age 40 demographic. Copies of the job description for this position can be found at the reception desk or in the November Council Report that was emailed on November 30.

Sermon Notes | The Trials Of A King

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Psalm 51:3-4

Life Lessons from David's Failure –

1. Recognize that all of us are _____ to _____ any of God's commands. 2 Sam. 11:1-5 *Are you allowing your desires to lead you down the wrong path?*
2. When we try to _____ we are choosing to go deeper into _____. 2 Sam. 11:14 *Is it your tendency to try and "cover your tracks?"*
3. Each of us has an incredible capacity to _____ our sin. 2 Sam. 12:5-7a *Is there an area of sin where you are currently justifying and defending?*
4. Freedom begins with _____. 2 Sam. 12:13 and Psalm 51:3-4 *In what area(s) of your life do you need to confess sin?*
5. We don't deserve _____ but it's a gift out of God's _____, _____, and compassion. 2 Sam. 12:13 *Have you asked God to forgive your sin through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross?*
6. We are _____ in Christ but our choices have _____. 2 Sam. 12:13-14 and Psalm 32:3-5 *Think about the consequences of your sin in order to strengthen you to live a more godly life.*

weekly bible reading

Chapter 13 of The Story or the readings below.

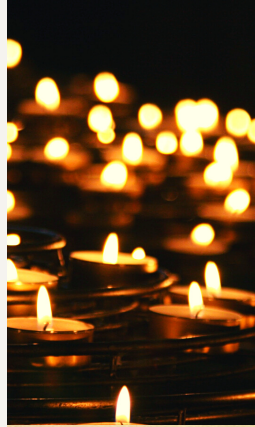
- 1 Kings 1-3
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- 1 Kings 7-8
- 2 Chronicles 5-7
- Proverbs 1-2
- Proverbs 3,6
- Proverbs 20-21

sermon discussion

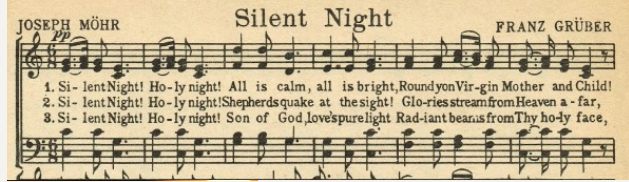
- What was something you read in the weekly Scripture passages or heard in the sermon that made an impact on you? Explain.
- Read 2 Samuel chapters 11 and 12. What steps did David take that led to his sin with Bathsheba? Which of these particularly spoke to you?
- In the sermon we identified six lessons from David's failure. Which of these particularly spoke to you?
- Read Psalm 32 and Psalm 51. What do you learn about confession and repentance from these Psalms of David?
- Where are you vulnerable to temptation? What steps can you take to "build a wall?"
- What risks did Nathan take in confronting David? Why do you think Nathan was willing to do this?

Christmas series begins Sunday, December 19

Christmas Eve at CrossPoint



CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
5:00 PM



King's Kids MEET JENNIFER AND WICKLIFFE GIVING

Jennifer is 8 and Wickliffe is 10 years old and they are brother and sister and live in Kenya, Africa. Last year, Pastor Jane had money donated to her ministry so she could buy them school uniforms and supplies! But they still have some needs, the house Jennifer and Wickliffe live in has a leaky roof and there are a lot of holes in the walls.

This year, after praying for Jennifer and Wickliffe and giving faithfully each week, our King's Kids have given \$3000. That's enough money to build them a new home! Praise God!






DON'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY. 1 TIMOTHY 4:12



Pre-ordered CrossPoint Youth pointsettias are available for pick up after the service today outside of the maintenance building. Thank you for supporting our youth!

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