

# **Military Staff Conference**

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## **“The Life of David”**

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*(Part 2)*

# David's Tragic Failure

## Sin Mars A Life

*Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. Nevertheless . . .*

2 Samuel 12:13

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## David's Sin

- The slide (2 Samuel 11:1-3) James 1:13-15
  - You don't just fall into sin, it's a process
- The fall (2 Samuel 11:4) Micah 2:1
  - Satan is quick to take advantage of the slide
- The wallow (2 Samuel 11:5-27) Psalm 32:3-4
  - Once Satan has pulled us in, his big objective is to keep us down

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## Micah 7:8

*Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light.*

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# David's Tragic Failure

## 1 John 1:7-9

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

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## God's Forgiveness

- God's requirement: confession (2 Sam. 12:1-13)
  - Sin must be recognized and confessed (Psalm 32:5)
- God's forgiveness is complete (2 Sam. 12:13)
  - ...remembered no more (Hebrews 10:17)
- God's mercy is great (2 Sam. 12:24,25)
  - ...by the wife of Uriah (Matthew 1:6)

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## God's Forgiveness

- Solomon —line of Christ
  - Lessons for us all (Psalms 32, 51)
  - God's mercy exalted
- God is a great God —no situation in which we may find ourselves is too bad or too difficult for God (Romans 5:20)

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# David's Tragic Failure

## Sin's Consequences

God freely forgave David's sin, but there were consequences:

- The child dies
- Evil in his house

Compare this with God's desire to bless (2 Samuel 12:7,8)

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## Sin's Consequences

The frightening implications of compromise:

*Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him.*

Judges 16:20

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## Sin's Consequences

*Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.*

Colossians 3:25

*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."*

Galatians 6:7

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# David's Tragic Failure

## May God Give Us

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- Grace to walk with Him...and not slide, fall and wallow
- A great view of his love and mercy...that keeps us from despair when we do sin
- A consciousness of His holiness...that will keep us from sin

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## Road To Recovery

(2 Samuel 15:13-31; 16:5-17:4; Psalm 3)

*I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me. <sup>6</sup>I will not fear tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side.*

Psalm 3:5-6

Finding the courage to go on

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## Road To Recovery

David's Escape

- David's friends  
(2 Samuel 15:19-24; 27-29, etc. )
- David's humility  
(2 Samuel 15:25-26; 16:11-12)
- David's God  
(2 Samuel 15:30-31; Psalm 3)

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# David's Tragic Failure

## David's Recovery

- His magnanimity in victory  
(2 Samuel 19:9-40)
- His thoroughness in organization  
(1 Chronicles 22-29)
- His tenacity in vision  
(Psalm 122)

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## David's Legacy

- The City of David
- The Psalms of David
- The House of David
- The Son of David

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## **MIKE AND CHRIS TRENEER**

### **Biographical Sketch**

Chris was born in Kampala, Uganda, the daughter of missionary parents. She came to personal faith in Christ through her father's death from leukemia when she was 11 years old. She was discipled by a Navigator while training as a nurse in London. Before their marriage Chris led a Navigator ministry to nurses at London's Westminster Hospital.

Mike came to faith in Christ through the Navigator student ministry in England. After graduating from University Mike continued his involvement in Navigator student work.

Mike and Chris were married in 1971 and joined the staff of the Navigators working with students at Southampton University and later leading the Navigator ministry in London.

Mike and Chris led the team that pioneered the Navigator work in Nigeria. They then moved to Nairobi, Kenya, where they lived for 16 years, while Mike led the Navigator work throughout sub-Saharan Africa. Mike and Chris traveled extensively throughout Africa, developing African leaders, teaching the Bible, shepherding missionaries and coaching in the pioneering of Navigator work in 20 countries.

They have devoted their lives to discipling singles and couples and have a wide experience of ministering in the United Kingdom and Africa and increasingly in many other parts of the world.

Mike and Chris now live in Colorado Springs where Mike is an International Vice-President of the Navigators. They have three adult children who are active in ministry. Ruth, the eldest, works with InterVarsity among international students in London; David is an engineer; and Anna is studying education.