



June 5

Passage: 2 Samuel 24:18-25

It's Friday! You probably don't care as much because its summer, but Fridays are still awesome! As we jump into the passage for the day, spend some time with the Lord!

READ & DIG. Read 2 Samuel 24:18-25 (underline anything that stands out!)

THE SIN

It may be little difficult to figure out how David has sinned. But David calling for a census (or a counting of people) was actually a mistrust in the Lord. You see, David was counting the people for military purposes. AKA David was trusting in what he and his army had rather than the provision and victory the Lord gives. Up until this point God has taken care of David and Israel. However, David decides to trust in himself rather than the Lord!

THE CONFESSION & CONSEQUENCE

Verse 10 shows us David's reaction as he realizes his sin. He is broken and he repents or confesses his sin to the Lord. This is the greatest thing we can do after we sin – **run to the Father**. Often, we let shame, fear, or pride keep us from running to the Father with our brokenness. Here David points us in the right direction to run to the Father in our brokenness! Though David runs to the Father, that doesn't mean there isn't consequences for sin. Because of David's sin Israel faces a plague that leads to the death of 70,000 people. *Our sins have consequences that we must face!*

THE RESTORATION

Though David sins and consequences come, the Lord provides forgiveness through the sacrifice David offers. A beautiful truth we find in this passage is that God is a gracious God who is willing to forgive sinners. David offers a sacrifice that is pleasing to the Lord and he relents from his wrath and anger. This is exactly what we find in Christ. Christ was the greatest sacrifice ever offered and it was offered by God on behalf of his people for their forgiveness! Jesus' work through the cross paid the sacrificial debt for our sin with his pure blood. And even now, after his ascension into heaven he sits at the right hand of the Father interceding for you right now! *God provides restoration!*

Apply & GO

So, sin has consequences but there is forgiveness in Jesus!

- **Trust in the Jesus...** Jesus is the greatest sacrifice offered for the children of God. Without Jesus there is no forgiveness. Trust in him for the forgiveness of your sin!
- **Flee sin...** We must flee from the sin that separates us from God. If we are in Christ, we can never be separated from God again. However, sin can hinder our relationship with him.
- **Confess and Repent...** As we live for Christ, we will fail and when we do we can run to the Father. We confess our sins to him and we turn from them striving to not commit them again!