

# THE Story

## Lesson 21 Chapter 12 The Trials of a King p.161-173

1. What were some factors that led to David's sin with Bathsheba? (P.161-163)
2. How did God open David's eyes to his sin through Nathan's words?

To think about...Are you prepared for God to open your eyes to sin in your life?

3. What may we learn from this story about...  
Repentance?

Forgiveness?

Discipline?

4. On page 165, we read about the death of the child born to David and Bathsheba. What is not included are these words from **2 Samuel 12:21-23...**

<sup>21</sup> *His attendants asked him, "Why are you acting this way? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept, but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat!"*

<sup>22</sup> *He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to me and let the child live.'<sup>23</sup> But now that he is dead, why should I go on fasting? Can I bring him back again? **I will go to him, but he will not return to me.**"*

How does David's words provide us with some firm convictions with which to face death....especially the death of an infant child?

5. How does David's life illustrate the truth that just because we admit that we have done the wrong thing and even make it right doesn't mean the consequences of sin will go away?

6. On pages 167-169 we have the story of Absalom's rebellion. Why do you think Joab disregarded David's command to spare Absalom?

How do you explain the depth of grief demonstrated by David at the top of page 169 when he heard of Absalom's death?

7. What may we learn from David's willing acceptance of God's decision that not he, but Solomon, should build the temple? (pages 169-172)

8. On page 171, take special note of how the people responded to David's question..."Now, who is willing to consecrate themselves to the Lord today?"

What characteristics of their giving are specifically emphasized?

To think about....Is my giving to the work of the Lord of similar quality?

9. Chapter 12 closes with the 23rd Psalm. Why do you think this Psalm is a favorite of so many?

10. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....

sins to avoid &

examples to follow

our God...

His promises to claim &

His character to embrace