

Going Backwards (The Backslider)

2 Samuel 11

Isaiah 1:4 *Ah sinful nation a people laden with iniquities, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: thy have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.*

In Isaiah 1, God tells Isaiah to confront his people for forgetting their God and falling into iniquity and in verse 4, he says they are going backwards. They were a backslidden people.

Backslider is a person that has fallen away from God. A backslider is not a lost person but a Christian that had drifted from the presence of God.

Backslider = if you are less excited about Jesus than you were before. If you are less passionate about the things of God than you used to be. Backsliders can sit in the pew.

A backslider is one that is going backwards in their relationship with God. They have turned back!

Proverbs 14:14 *The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.*

Jeremiah mentions backsliding in chapters 2, 3, 5, 8, 31 and 49

Hosea chapters 4, 11 and 14 mention the backsliding state.

The best example of a backslider is David in 2 Samuel 11.

David was one of the greatest men to ever live, yet he backslid.

Verses 1-2a He Got Casual

1. At the time when kings go to battle
2. At the time when Christians went to battle
3. Cruise ship vs. Battleship (we are on a battleship)
4. David delegated war
5. He sent Joab to siege Rabbah
6. He got casual in his responsibilities
7. Many Christians get casual
8. Many Christians delegate their ministry
9. Many Christians take a seasonal break in serving God

10. God never intended for us to be idle and step out of the battle
11. In the evening tide he arose from his bed (vs 2)
12. He was awake when he should be sleeping
13. Because he was probably asleep when he should have been ministering

Verse 2b He Was Careless

1. He looked over and saw a woman bathing
2. David possibly had the highest roof in Jerusalem
3. In the highest heights of his life, Satan brought him down
4. He saw her bathing
5. He kept looking
6. The sin was not seeing, the sin was staring
7. It is in casual boredom that we get careless
8. Many of you need to get busy doing God work because you have too much down time

Verses 3-5 He Conceived

1. He acted on his sin
2. He calculated and inquired
3. He slept with that woman
4. She conceived a child in the sin
5. Your sin can conceive
6. James 1:15 *"Then when lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin: and sin when it is finished bringeth forth death."*
7. It started by being casual
8. It continued by being careless
9. It conceived by being calculating

Verses 6-17 He was Conniving

1. He tried to cover his sin
2. He manipulated Uriah
3. He sent Uriah to die
4. He went from being casual to careless to conniving.
5. He went from being a bored man of God to a killer.
6. Adrian Rogers says "The first sin was warm blooded the next sin was cold blooded."

Verses 18-27 He Was Calloused

1. Uriah died in battle at the order of David
2. Verse 25 "The sword devoured one as well as another."
3. David had become calloused to his sin
4. Sometimes people are so backslidden in churches that they can sin and feel nothing
5. They can be mean and cold to others and not even blink
6. Many of you have not shed a tear about the things of God in a long time
7. Many of you have not been to an altar to pray in years
8. Nothing moves you anymore
9. When sin has conceived it brings death and a coldness to the words of God
10. Many of you may be in that place today and need to repent of you backslidden state

Chapter 12 He was Confronted

1. Nathan came and confronted David
2. God will convict us
3. God will chasten us (Revelation 3:19) Those that I love I chasten (Hebrews 12:7-8) Bastards and not sons
4. God will confront us
5. God will collect us (1 John) There is a sin unto death
6. David repented when he was confronted
7. Psalm 32/ Psalm 51

Conclusion:

1. Are you backslidden?
2. Have you drifted away from God?
3. Do you love God more or less than before?
4. Are you excited about the things of God or are they a bother?
5. Are you casual?
6. Are you careless?
7. Are you conceiving?
8. Are you conniving
9. Are you calloused?

Challenge:

1. Maybe you are being convicted today.
2. Maybe you are being chastened in your life.
3. Maybe today God is confronting you?
4. Are you on the verge of being collected.
5. Come to the alter today and repent and get back to where you need to be.