

WHEN GOOD MEN FALL

David – Part 7

2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51

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“Even if godly people fall down seven times, they always get up. But those who are evil are brought down by trouble.” – Proverbs 24:16 NIRV

What to Do When You Have “Blown It”:

1. Stop and consider what (God says) about your situation.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD. The LORD sent Nathan to David.... Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel says... ‘Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife for your own.’” – 2 Samuel 11:27-12:1, 7, 9

2. Agree with what God says. This is called (confession).

“Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.” – Psalm 51:4

3. Confess your sin to one (other person).

“Then David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the LORD.’” – 2 Samuel 12:13

4. Ask God to forgive you and to (change) you.

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.... Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” – Psalm 51:1-2, 10

5. Take all appropriate (corrective action) to address the problem.

“After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.” – 2 Samuel 11:27

“David pleaded with God for the child. He fasted and went into his house and spent the nights lying on the ground. The elders of his household stood

beside him to get him up from the ground, but he refused, and would not eat any food with them.” – 2 Samuel 12:16-17

6. Seek to (draw near) to God daily.

“Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.” – Psalm 51:11-12

“When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD’—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.” – Psalm 32:3-5

“Even if good people fall seven times, they will get back up.” – Proverbs 24:16 CEV

“Digging Deeper” Devotional Readings

Monday:	2 Samuel 11:1-27
Tuesday:	2 Samuel 12:1-31
Wednesday:	Psalm 32:1-11
Thursday:	Psalm 51:1-19
Friday:	Psalm 130:1-8