**Pastor Demetric Felton October 30, 2022**

**When Godly People Do Ungodly Things**

Psalm 51:1-19

**Key Truth**: Never think you are beyond the snare of sin. However, when we repent, God forgives. Repentance and forgiveness are a part of God’s grace working in us.

**What’s Behind The Song:** 1 Samuel 11 & 12

1. David fails to live up to his title. 1 Samuel 13:14, 2 Samuel 11:1

2. David abuses his power. 2 Samuel 11:2-5

3. God will not allow David to play the hypocrite. 2 Samuel 12:1-7

**How To Rise From A Fall:**

1.Healing begins with brokenness and remorse.

2. Recognize we have offended or hurts others, but the greatest

 sin is against God. 2 Samuel 12:9

3. Remember that the Cross of Jesus Christ is more powerful

 than our sins. 1 John 1:9

4. Accept that even though we are forgiven, sin has its

 consequences. 2 Samuel 12:13-14

**Moving Beyond Forgiveness:**

1. The Cross of Jesus Christ brings freedom from the guilt of sin.

2. The Cross of Jesus Christ brings usefulness to God’s Kingdom

 Agenda. Psalm 51:13-15, 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Don’t allow unconfessed sin to remain in your life. Pray for a renewed sensitivity to sin and the need for repentance. Pray that the Lord would grant honesty and receptivity to the rebuke of sin in your life. May your repentance lead to a renewed passion for the lost and obedience to Christ.

**Connection Group Study Questions:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

How would you define “repentance?” Do you think most people in our community think much about repentance?

How do you know if repentance is real? What is the result of genuine repentance?

Read Psalm 32:1-5: Share about a time when you experienced God’s heavy hand. What was the end result?

If God already is fully aware of our sin, why do you think we still have trouble honestly confessing it?

How does God’s grace and forgiveness encourage repentance?

In Psalm51:13, how did forgiveness change the way that David saw other people?

Read 2 Samuel 12:7-12: Do you think it took courage for Nathan to confront King David about his sin? How have you responded when someone confronted you about your sin?

Read Romans 3:23-26 aloud. What did Jesus accomplish on our behalf? What is the result?

How do past sins impact a person’s value and ability to serve God? Are you letting your past sins hinder your effectiveness for God? If so, what do you need to do to move forward?

How should we treat others as a result of the freedom and forgiveness God has shared with us?