



RISKING IT ALL

VISION FRATERNITY



MULTIPLICATION IN OUR CHURCH FOR 2012 MAY REQUIRE SOME SUBTRACTION IN OUR LIVES TONIGHT

Lessons from the life of David

Tonight's Text: Psalm 32 & 51

Psalm 51 was David's prayer of confession, and Ps. 32 his song of forgiveness.

The background for these two psalms is 2 Sam. 11-12.

David lusted after his neighbor's wife, committed adultery, made the husband drunk, had him killed, and then covered the whole affair for at least a year. He was not a youth when he fell into these sins; he was a mature man, ruling over a great kingdom.

The effects of his sin in his life.

David paid for his sins physically and became ill. (Ps. 32:3-4)

The effects of his sin on the "BE" level. (51)

- He lost the purity of his heart. (v. 1,2,7)
- All he could see is sin. (v.3)
- His mind was affected. (v.6)
- The inner person (heart and spirit, v.10) was out of fellowship with God (v.11), and there was no joy.
- Could not sing praises. (v.13-15)
- Heart became hard. (v.17)

The Conviction (32:5)

Leads to a broken and contrite heart. (52:17)

Understanding no amount of good works will atone for you sin. 52:16-17

The Confession (32:5)

David immediately confessed that he had sinned when Nathan spoke to him (2 Sam. 12:13), but then, privately, he allowed the Spirit of God to uncover his sins one by one.

He takes ownership of sin. Not more defending, faking, hiding, exaggerating, blaming, or downplaying.

Confession is saying "the same thing about sin that God does". 1 John 1:9

The repented should move forward today confidently! 32:8-11

Are you really willing to risk it all for another look?

1. Watching porn decreases our satisfaction. It trains us to desire the variety and “designer sex” of porn more than the familiar sexuality of marriage.

God has designed marriage, not pornographic fantasy, for its enjoyment (Song of Sg. 4:9-16; 1 Thess. 4:1-8).

2. Watching porn disconnects us from real relationships. It trains us to detach emotional involvement from sexual experience.

God has defined sex as an expression of “oneness,” not emotional detachment (Gen. 2:24).

3. Watching porn lowers our view of women. It trains us to see women as sexual commodities, not people created in God’s image.

God has created women in His image. They are not sexual commodities but are worthy of great honor (Gen. 1:27; 1 Pet. 3:7).

4. Watching porn desensitizes us to cruelty. It numbs us to the seriousness of verbal and physical aggression.

God has designed sex as an expression of affection, not aggression (Deut. 22:25; Eph. 5:28-30).

5. Watching porn makes us want to watch more porn. It taps into the neuro-circuitry of our brains, making us desire the rush of sexual energy from porn again and again.

For those who have been entrenched in pornography, how do we reverse these mind- warping effects? How do we renew our minds (Rom. 12:1-2)?

God redeems our fallen sex drive so sex is an act of love and giving, not selfishness. (1 Cor. 13:4-7; Gal. 5:22-23).



MENS ACTIVITIES '12



April 21st
Men's Volleyball and Cook-out



June 16th
Wild Game Fellowship (at NBC)

July 27-28th
Men's Camp Out

August 25th
Men's Fishing Trip

September 20th
Cookout 6:30

Oct 6th
Men's Fall Shooting

Our Men's Breakfast

Fellowship are a great time to get to know some of the men in church. They all start at 6:30 am.

Jan 26th	IHOP Exit 14
Feb 23rd	IHOP Exit 11
Mar 22nd	IHOP Exit 14
April 26th	IHOP Exit 11
May 24th	IHOP Exit 14
June 28th	IHOP Exit 11
July 26th	IHOP Exit 14
August 23rd	IHOP Exit 11
Sept 27th	IHOP Exit 14
Oct 25th	IHOP Exit 11
Nov 15th	IHOP Exit 14
Dec 20th	IHOP Exit 11

Sign up tonight!

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MEN'S CONFERENCE

JANUARY 20TH

"Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God.." 1 Chron. 19:13