**B.** Avoid people and places that tempt you.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;" Psalm 139:23

"But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."

Romans 13:14

## C. Accept God's way out.

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

I Corinthians 10:13

"Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

II Timothy 2:22

# **D.** Ask for God's forgiveness.

"So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die." II Samuel 12:13

"He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy." Proverbs 28:13

Falling into sin isn't fatal, but staying in sin is. Repent quickly and return to righteousness.

#### SE7EN – SURVIVING THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

**Surviving Lust** 

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#### INTRODUCTION

**A.** What is sin?

Sin is lawlessness against God's Word as revealed in the Bible.

"Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness." I John 3:4

"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—"

Romans 5:12

**B.** In this powerful teaching series you'll discover the antidote to the seven deadly sins and how surviving them will help you experience God's best in your life.

Aug 14	Surviving Pride
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"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,"

Hebrews 12:1

C. TEXT: Romans 6:12 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1108/New Testament)

### HOW TO SURVIVE LUST The Story Of David And Bathsheba

II Samuel 11:1-12:13

## I. KNOW THE NATURE OF LUST

Lust: Excessive craving for the pleasures of the body.

The Bible applies the word "lust" to a lot of things, but the most common application is sexuality.

Virtue: Purity

## II. DAVID'S FOUR STAGES OF LUST

A. Stage #1: Idleness

"I It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem."

II Samuel 11:1

# **B.** Stage 2: Interest

"Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold."

II Samuel 11:2

# C. Stage 3: Adultery

"3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" 4 Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house."

II Samuel 11:3-4

# **D.** Stage 4: Trouble

"And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child." II Samuel 11:5

"And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die."

II Samuel 11:15

# III. EXCHANGE YOUR LUST FOR GOD'S PURITY

"22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

Ephesians 4:22-24

# **A.** Adopt God's plan for purity.

"3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;" I Thessalonians 4:3-5

"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things." Philippians 4:8

"I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?" Job 31:1