

“Getting To The Heart Of God’s Story”

2 Samuel 11

“Guard Your Heart! – Prov. 4:23”

Week 12

1. The Perils of an Unguarded Heart. 2 Samuel 11:1-26

- Lust of the eyes. See
- Lust of the flesh. Desire
- Pride of Life. Behavior
- The result. Consequences

2. The Agony of a Guilty Heart. -Ps. 32 2 Sam. 12:1-12

- We are rationalizing machines.
- Sin’s progressively destructive character
- The high price tag of conviction
- The blessings of a guilty conscience

3. The Freedom of a Forgiven Heart. Psa. 41, 32, 2 Sam. 12:13b

- True freedom begins with a complete confession.
- True freedom begins with radical repentance.
- True freedom begins when we believe God’s Word
- True freedom restores your ministry to others.

4. The Realities of a Scarred Heart. 2 Samuel 12:10-12, 14 Ps. 51:13-19

- The consequences of sin are a reality.
- Consequences can be face with Christ or alone.
- God can use your consequences to teach & comfort.

- Let the consequences of others help guard your heart.

Application:

1. Read Prov. 4:23. In what area does your heart need to be guarded right now? What are you looking at? What are you desiring? What choices are you making? Are you guarding your heart?
2. Are you conscious of your rationalizations? Do you see the destruction that is coming? How long will you live with the agony of your guilt? Let where you are at right now drive you to Jesus.
3. True freedom begins with complete confession. What do you need to confess? To whom do you need to confess it? Are you ready to repent of your sin? Are you ready to believe God’s Word and receive his gracious forgiveness?
4. Are you facing the consequences of your sin alone, with Christ, with a friend? It is possible to face any consequence with the power of Christ at your side. Are you willing? God may be calling you to use your experience in facing the consequences from your sins, to help others face theirs.