



Running Spiritual Stop Signs (II Samuel 11)

Sunday, July 3, 2022 AVBC



#1- _____ instead of battling. (v.1)

-II Samuel 10:15-18

So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)



#2- _____ instead of resisting. (vs. 2-4)

-I Corinthians 10:12-14

But each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. (James 1:14,15)

Q: How to "bolt lock" the door to keep sin outside?

- **Be _____ - "I am vulnerable"**
- **Be _____ - "I need help" (Ecclesiastes 4:12)**
- **Be decisive- "I must _____" (Gen.39: 10-12)**



#3- _____ up instead of _____ up. (vs. 5-27)

- Cover-Up 1- D _____
- Cover-Up 2- D _____
- Cover-Up 3- D _____

*There is no _____ to the depths of sin we can descend into once we begin walking away from _____

If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. (I John 1:8,9)

- ✓ **God has grace to _____ (Rom. 5:20)**
- ✓ **God has grace to _____ (Heb. 11:25)**

...The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple...The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes...By them your servant is warned; in keeping them is great reward. (Ps. 19:7b, 8b, 11)

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group.)

Q1: Have you ever had an encounter with a police officer while driving your car? If so, explain what happened, how you felt and how you responded. Could things have been worse than they were? If so, how?

Q2: Can you think of some negative examples of a person or team "coasting" instead of pushing ahead? What were the results of that kind of slothful approach?

Q3: What would you say are some of the signs that a Christian might be in danger of spiritually coasting? What have you found effective in your life to overcoming this dangerous lethargy?

Q4: What do the following verses teach us about the importance of not coasting? Proverbs 10:14; 13:4; 18:9; 19:15; 21:25; 24:30-34, John 5:17 and Colossians 3:23 .

Q5: Pastor David mentioned three practical ways of "bolt-locking" the door of your life from sinful temptation. Which of the three have you found most important in your life? Can you share an experience that illustrates how the principle worked?

Q6: Read Psalm 19:7-11. What part does the Word of God play in overcoming temptation? What are you currently doing to hide God's Word in your heart so you are ready when temptation strikes?

Q7: Read Proverbs 5:1-14. What are some of the negative outcomes that adultery produces? What are some of the safeguards to enable us to overcome this type of temptation?

Q8: God's grace can restore (after we have sinned) but it can also restrain (to keep us from sin). Can you think of a time when you experience one or both of those kinds of God's grace? If so, illustrate from your life.