



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



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God can and does fully forgive our sins. But He often lets us live with the consequences of our decisions and how our actions affected all the people around us.

- What kind of consequences have you seen people deal with because of their sinful actions?
- How can we use the lessons David and other people have learned to help us carefully weigh out the potential consequences of our sinful decisions?
- How can doing this help us win a battle against our sinful nature?

David's family was shattered both by his polygamy and by his disastrous affair with Uriah's wife.

- After being forgiven his own sins, how could David have stepped in and helped his children avoid the terrible sins they later were to commit (rape, retaliatory murder, treasonous rebellion)?
- When have you seen parents shirk their responsibility to their children because they were seeking their own selfish desires, instead of serving their children first?
- How can you help a person deal with the recurring guilt he feels from the fallout of sins that have shattered his marriage, his family, his job and his life?

Many times during His life Jesus was the innocent victim of other people's sinful words, actions or desires. Yet God brought good out of these evil consequences by accepting Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and forgiving all our sins.

- How has God used the fallout of other people's sins—perhaps even your parents' sins—to help bring good out of your life?
- What great comfort do you get in knowing Jesus' forgiveness and God's power to undo the damage your sins have done to other people?
- How might you advise someone to start mending the damaged relationships within their families?