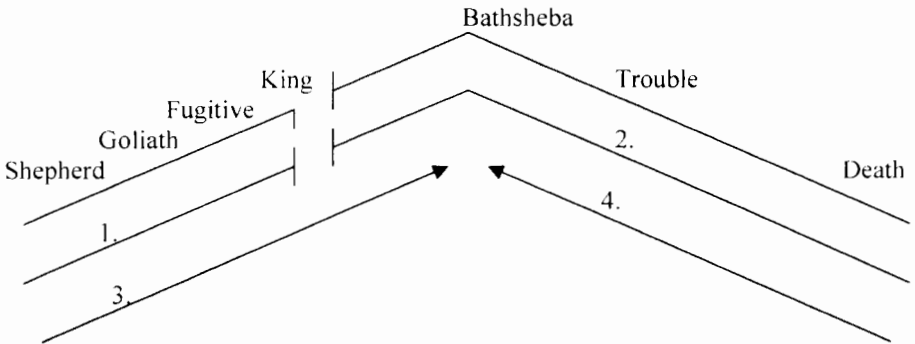


Tragedies Begin with Small Decisions

II Samuel 1-5

I. Panoramic View of David's Life

Psalm 78:70-72



II. From Fugitive to King (II Sam. 5:4, 5)

A. King in Hebron over Judah (2:1-4, 8-11)

1. War between house of Saul and the house of David
2. David makes many poor decisions 3:2-5
 - Deut. 17:15, 17

“Neither shall he _____ wives to himself, that his heart turn not away”

B. King in Jerusalem over all Israel (5:4-5, 9, 10)

1. Accomplishments

- a. He expanded Israel's boundaries from 6,000 to 60,000 square miles.
- b. He established extensive trade routes to entire known world.
- c. He unified the nation, joining the northern and southern territories.
- d. He subdued the enemies of Israel more completely than had been done since the people

had entered the land under Joshua. He was genuinely a “man of war.”

e. He shaped the nation’s interest in spiritual concerns.

2. Failures

a. He was so enamored with public pursuits that he lost control of his _____ at home.

- Two major mistakes:

(1) Too many _____ to attend properly

(2) Too many _____ to discipline responsibly

b. He indulged himself in extravagant activities of sensual passion.

(1) _____ wives and concubines (5:12, 13)

(2) Inappropriate seasons of _____ (11:1)

(3) Unaccountable _____ (11:2)

- He forgot the consequences and gave himself fully to the satisfaction of the flesh.

c. He became _____ and _____ . (24:1-3)

III. Timeless and Priceless Truths upon Which to Live

A. No personal pursuit is more important than the cultivation of a _____ .

B. Spiritual tragedies can be traced back to a series of _____ wrong decisions.

C. Faithfulness in _____ things is a _____ thing to God.

D. What parents do in _____ , their children will do in _____ .

E. No character trait needs more attention than genuine _____ .