

## Building Chains

Outline – October 1, 2023  
2 Samuel 11:1-17; Psalm 51:1-12

### It's A Tangled Web We Weave

- I. **How we learn**
  - A. The hard way
    - 1. Costs you time
    - 2. Costs you energy
    - 3. Costs you money
    - 4. Costs you relationships
    - 5. Costs you reputation
  - B. The easy way
    - 1. Based on wisdom
    - 2. Based on instruction
    - 3. Based on discipline
  - C. We all know people who choose the hard way
    - 1. Talent without character
    - 2. Actions without wisdom
    - 3. Decisions without counsel
- II. **Chains, webs, pits are metaphors for people who choose the hard way**
  - A. The chains that bind us
  - B. The webs that entangle us
  - C. The pits we fall in
  - D. How does this happen?
- III. **King David – a case study on how to be chained, shackled, in a web of pain, destruction and disaster**
  - A. Who was King David?
    - 1. Giant slayer
    - 2. Man after God's own heart
    - 3. Writer of many Psalms
    - 4. Brilliant King
    - 5. Fearless warrior and leader
  - B. The first problem that created the first link to his chain
    - 1. Not where he was supposed to be
    - 2. Too much leisure can be a problem
    - 3. Lingered too long in isolated position (no accountability)
    - 4. Not productive when he could have been
    - 5. All chains start with the first link, all journeys start with first step
  - C. Made bad use of time
    - 1. Focused on what was off limits
    - 2. Used his advantage to take advantage

- 3. Became careless with his power
- D. Curiosity caused him to pursue
- E. Ignored warning and counsel
  - 1. Daughter of Eliam
  - 2. Wife of Uriah
  - 3. David broke through barriers to fulfill his lust
- F. It built up slowly, then it happened quickly
- G. The chain is now formed
  - 1. You have control over input
  - 2. No control over output
  - 3. Links form over time producing chains
  - 4. Once they wrap you, they got you
- IV. The chain tightens in the manipulation**
  - A. As sin tries to be concealed it compounds
  - B. David tries to get Uriah to go to his home
    - 1. Sends food
    - 2. Sends drink
  - C. David sends Uriah on the front lines
    - 1. Uriah is killed
    - 2. Others are killed
    - 3. The sin of lust impacts more than a couple. Everyone you know or care about
  - D. King David takes Bathsheba as his wife
    - 1. Looks like he got away with it
    - 2. Who will ever know
    - 3. Might makes right
- V. What David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord (2 Samuel 11:27)**
  - A. God sends Nathan the prophet
    - 1. To confront
    - 2. To convict
    - 3. To call-out, all God has done for him
  - B. Corruption begins where contentment ends
- VI. Consequences, division, death, chaos**
  - A. Bathsheba's child dies
  - B. Amnon (David's son) molests sister killed by another brother
  - C. Absalom killed by Joab for usurping the throne
  - D. Murder, perversion, death
  - E. This is the output
    - 1. What is done in darkness brought to light
    - 2. Fire always burns

- VII. How chains are broken (Psalm 51)**
- A. You admit your guilt
  - B. You seek His Grace
  - C. You declare what's been done
  - D. You ask for a new start, a clean heart
  - E. You seek restoration

- VIII. The rest of the story**
- A. Solomon is born
    - 1. The lineage of Messiah
  - B. A healing began
    - 1. Sin is paid for, we overcome when:
      - a. Grieve our sin
      - b. Give our sin to Jesus
      - c. Glory in our salvation
      - d. Grace in our shame
      - e. Given a new status

**A Chain Was Formed  
A Chain Was Broken  
Jesus Came To Set The Captives Free**