

Ups and Downs

David

- We remember many positive things.
 - 1 Samuel 16:12
 - 1 Samuel 17:34-37
 - Acts 13:22
 - Writing the Psalms
- David was not a perfect man.
 - 2 Samuel 11:14, 15. He was a murderer.
 - He was an adulterer. 2 Samuel 11:2-5

David

- Why do we consider David a great man?
- Great men are not known for not sinning but how they react once they do sin.
 - 2 Samuel 12:7-12
 - David's response. 2 Samuel. 12:13
 - Psalm 51:1-4, 10

Peter

- Peter's accomplishments:
 - Confessed Jesus as the Christ. Matthew 16:16
 - Preached to over 3,000 on Pentecost. Acts 2
 - Preached to the first Gentile convert. Acts 10
 - Wrote 1 and 2 Peter.
- Peter had many blemishes on his record.
 - Matthew 26:69-75. He denied Christ at a time when He was alone.

Peter

- Why do we consider Peter a great man?
- Great men are not known for not sinning but how they react once they do sin.
 - After this incident, Peter begins to weep.
 - John 21:15-17. Peter declares his love for Jesus three times.
 - Fifty days later, Peter preaches the same Jesus he had formerly denied. Acts 2

A Contrast

- Judas' choice helps us see why no sane person considers him great.
- Judas, like Peter, committed an atrocity at the worst possible time.
 - Matthew 26:14-16, 47-50
- Like Peter, Judas felt regret. Matt. 27:3, 4
- How did Judas react to his sin?
 - Matthew 27:5
- 2 Corinthians 7:10

Observations

1. Do not take this lesson as a permission to sin. Romans 6:1, 2
2. This lesson is not intended to minimize sin, but to magnify God's grace.

Conclusion

- Learn from the good and the bad of the biblical records.
- We can overcome our sin and be loyal to God.
- If you're in sin, do not despair; instead, look to God.