



"The People In Our Lives"

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The People Who Tempt Us

2 Samuel 11:1-27

Listen! Climbing down a steep, icy, stormy, mountain slope until ...

Question: Are you on a slippery slope of any kind? If you are, where does it end? If you are, how do you get off?

Slippery slopes are everywhere:

- “Chicken Out Ridge” on Mt Borah, Idaho.
- King David slides down a slippery slope in 2 Samuel 11:
 - David was not where he should have been.
 - David was not doing what he should have been doing.
 - David looked at what he should not have been looking at.
 - David wanted what was not his.
 - David asked about someone who was not his and not his business.
 - David took what did not belong to him.
 - David tried to cover what he had done.
 - David used brute force to cover his sin.
 - David rebuffed his accountability partner.
 - David solidified his evil choice.
 - David ended in an evil, miserable, God-forsaken pit.
- *Sex in the Forbidden Zone* by Dr. Peter Rutter, MD.
 - 19 steps that end in an evil, miserable, God-forsaken pit.

Our towering question: “How do I halt the slide and get off this slope?”

- #1 ...accept confrontation.
- #2 ...reflect on the consequences in the lives of those around me.
- #3 ...reflect on the evil, miserable, God-forsaken pit I will end in.
- #4 ...run.
- #5 ...avoid privacy.
- #6 ...look for the way out.
- #7 ...view David’s fall and this sermon as a wake up call.

The Point: If you are on a slippery slope use God’s resources to get off...before you end in an evil, miserable, God-forsaken pit.

Major Warning: When you or I are on a slippery slope we lie to ourselves and we say and believe that the end of the slide is a beautiful summit rather than a bitter pit.

Application: If you are on a slippery slope of any kind—tell a good friend and ask for some help TODAY. Not tomorrow and not next week, TODAY.

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The Point: If you are on a slippery slope use God's resources to get off...before you end in an evil, miserable, God-forsaken pit.

Please take time this week to work on the life change applications from today's passage:

- **Today:** Describe any slippery slope you have been on in the past. What happened? Did you get off? If you did, how? If you did not, why?
- **Monday:** If you are on a slippery slope today do you understand and believe that you are lying to yourself about what lies at the end? Have you told yourself there is something wonderful and fulfilling and satisfying at the end?
- **Tuesday:** How would you describe the ugly, miserable, bitter, God-forsaken pit that David ended in? What about the pit a pastor ends in when he commits adultery at the end of a slippery slope? If you had a friend who fell all the way down a slippery slope what did the end look like for that person? How about the pit you would end in? Spell it out for yourself.
- **Wednesday:** Have you taken any of the 19 steps spelled out in *Sex in the Forbidden Zone*? What are you going to do now?
- **Thursday:** Are you spending time in privacy with anyone you should not? Are you hanging around anyone you should be running from? Are you looking at anyone who does not belong to you? Are you asking questions about anyone who does not belong to you? Are you going physical places you should not be? Are you going electronic places you should not be? What are you going to do now?
- **Friday:** Has someone been trying to talk to you about something dangerous, some slippery slope, in your life? Have you been listening with an honest heart? Do you think they are just saying something to you in order to be obnoxious? What are you going to do now?
- **Saturday:** What would happen to your family members—spouse, children, parents, grandchildren—and your friends if you just stayed on the slope and rode it all the way to the end? Describe it in detail. What are you going to do now?

“A slippery slope never ends at a candy store—don't lie to yourself about that.”