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I got this video clip from the movie Titanic which was released in 1997. Titanic was considered as the unsinkable ship. An unknown Titanic crew member is reported to have once said to embarking passenger, Mrs. Sylvia Caldwell, "God himself could not sink this ship!" The R.M.S. Titanic was the largest and most luxurious passenger ship of its time. But we all know what happened. An iceberg on its first voyage in 1912 took more than 1,500 of its 2,200 passengers to the bottom.

David had a phenomenal start. If there were ever a surefire candidate to finish strong, it was David. If you were a person who loves to bet, David seemed a sure thing to finish "in the money." In the first ten chapters of 2 Samuel, David could do no wrong. He is never defeated in battle. Never had wrong judgment. He begins his reign in prayer and continues in faith. Enemies are subdued, the nation is unified, the capital secured, and the boundary extends from six thousand to sixty-thousand square miles.

David had shipwrecked. And his life would never be quite the same again. When David shipwrecked, he never got wet. David experienced a dry shipwreck. And in many ways, our personal dry shipwrecks are the most devastating shipwrecks of all. David shipwrecked by watching someone else get wet.

THREE INESCAPABLE CONSEQUENCES TO BEING SHIPWRECKED:

Shipwrecks can take you farther than you wanted to go.
Shipwrecks can keep you longer than you wanted to stay.
Shipwrecks can cost you more than you wanted to pay.

SIN CAN TAKE YOU FARTHER THAN YOU WANTED TO GO

Captain Edward J. Smith was given the honor of command for Titanic's voyage. Captain Smith had planned that the Titanic's first voyage would be his last. After he got the ship to New York, he was going to retire. Captain Smith only wanted to go as far as New York. Due to shipwreck, he went farther than he wanted to go. He was about 13,000 feet farther.

When David stood on his roof watching the beautiful Bathsheba step out of her clothes, the only thing on his mind was to enjoy her charms firsthand. That was about as far as he wanted to go. But sin will take you farther than you wanted to go. David had only planned on a secret evening adultery, yet within weeks he was guilty of betrayal, murder, and heinous cover-up.

David was shrewd. When Bathsheba turned up pregnant, David immediately asked Joab to call back Uriah, the hubby of Bathsheba, from the battle. He thought that he could use deception against Uriah to cover disobedience and the shame. But deception never covers disobedience. It just makes it worse. Count on it, your sin will find you out and it will take you farther than you wanted to go.

David had been driving fast for a long time on the freeway of sexual gratification. He only planned of committing adultery. But adultery proceeded to deception and deception continued to murder. His sin took him farther than he wanted to go. I don't know what's going on in your life, and you don't know what's going on in mine. But I can tell you this, if either one of us is playing around with hidden sin, it's eventually going to come out.

SIN CAN KEEP YOU LONGER THAN YOU WANTED TO STAY

By the time David had sinned with Bathsheba, he had been stretching his conscience for years. Even after his adulterous acts and the murder of Uriah, David continued to act as though everything was just fine. The Word of God is like a mirror. When Nathan had drawn the king into his little trap, the king suddenly recognized himself in the mirror. He had just judgment on himself. God had been trying to get his attention for 12 months, but David would not listen. Sin had kept him longer than he had planned to stay.

Reading the Bible is just like looking at the mirror everyday. The mirror shows you if your face is clean or dirty. The mirror shows you if your teeth have dirt or not. The Word of God shows you how near or how far you are from God's standard. If you are far, the Word of God brings you back to God.

SIN CAN COST YOU MORE THAN YOU WANTED TO PAY

The passengers of the Titanic who booked first-class accommodations paid thousands of dollars to have the very best. Many of them were wealthy beyond the common man's wildest dreams. Yet this was a trip that cost every one of them more than they are willing to pay.

I know some of you here are working yourself to death. Sometimes your work schedule already affects your family and your faith. You may think money is everything. You may think that money is what your family needs. In reality, when we're dying, our work and money won't matter anymore. Dying people will only be concerned about their family and faith. Shipwrecks have a way of costing you more than you wanted to pay.

King David ultimately confessed and repented of his great sin. But there are painful consequences that follow even if we confess our sin. This is why we should avoid sin in the first place.

David's sin with Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah cost him a huge price:

- It cost him dearly when his infant son died.
- It cost him dearly when his oldest son, Amnon, raped his half-sister and David's daughter, Tamar.
- It cost him dearly when his son Absalom killed his brother Amnon to avenge the rape of Tamar.
- It cost him dearly when years later, his trusted friend and counselor Ahithophel, assisted young Absalom in a plot to overthrow David and rip the king out of his hands.

The next time sin looks particularly attractive, remember the consequences that you'll be paying afterwards. Sin is not worth it. No matter how alluring sin looks right now, it will wind up costing you more than you are willing to pay.



1. What sorts of shipwrecks in life have you experienced?
2. What results came out? How did you overcome?
3. What other aspects of your life right now, you think you must let go, to prevent shipwreck?