# The Consequences of Sin

II Samuel 13:1-19:43

Sin is a killer. It is a mass murderer who strikes down victim after victim on day after day using sins from weeks, months, or years ago to search out the ignorant and destroy the weak. We cannot play with sin or allow moments of weakness to gain power over our lives. Fight against temptation today, so sin doesn't ruin your tomorrow.

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### **Getting Started**

- 1. Can you name one unexpected good to come out of hurricane Katrina?
- 2. Did you buy a case(s) of toilet paper in the last 10 days?

## **Digging Deeper**

- 3. Read II Sam 16:5-13. How did David respond to the attacks of Shimei as he was fleeing Jerusalem?
- 4. Read II Sam 18:2-3. David's first sin was a refusal to go to battle with his men. David was then prevented to fight. What will God do when we are inactive in obedience?
- 5. Read II Sam 19:1-9. Was Joab right to rebuke David for mourning over Absalom?
- 6. Read II Sam 19:24-30. How did David's sin impact Mephibosheth?

### Living It Out

- 7. Can manipulation ever really serve the purposes of God? Do you see it at times in the context of the local church?
- 8. What do you think is the best way to encourage someone who is enduring under the consequences of their past sin?
- 9. What would be the biggest change in our church if we clearly saw the consequences of sin in our lives?