

Sermon: **What's the big deal about sin?**

Sin affects us in several different ways; globally, personally, and communally.

Personal sin: The wrong that you and I willfully **choose** to do even though we know it goes against God's will.

Ex: David and Bathsheba / II Samuel 11: 27

Saw (v2), **Knew** (v3), Acted (v4), consequence (v5), cover up (v6-13), Personal act to fix sin (v14-17), justification (v26-27). Note in the end God was still displeased with his actions. Several times David had opportunity to repent but did not.

Cost of personal sin:

II Samuel 12: 1-25

God exposes sin (v1-6), Then there is guilt and repentance (v7-14), Judgment still comes (v11-14), But God still shows His love to those who have true repentant hearts (v13 / 24-25)

Personal sin starts small in the eyes or in the mind, then once it is conceived gives birth to sin (**James 1:12-15**). Evil desire now leads us to Carnal nature. This has a global affect.

Global sin:

Genesis 3: 6-24

Creation's order of **peace** destroyed (v14-15 /17-18)

Personal struggles (v16-19) eventually death not just to humans but now in creation.

Separation between each other and God immediately (v8, 12, 13, 16, 23-24)

These problems now stretch not just to separation between each other and with God but now sin takes on a form that we can now be punished for sins in a community.

Communal sin:

Joshua 7: 1-13

One man's sin brought **death**, and the whole community out of God's favor and **protection**. They all were said to have sinned because of one in the community.

So the big deal is sin affects **everyone**. It is never a **solo** act. Our commitment to holiness and right living says that we recognize the full scope of sin and our responsibility to not only my self, family and this community, but to the global community.

The big deal is that it destroys your life, and the lives of those around you. The global community is in peril because of sin. It destroys relationships, minds, and lives. Sin never stays small. Sin always starts small and seems harmless.