



Lessons Learned in the Valley

2 Samuel 12:13-25 Part One

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- Nobody enjoys the valleys of life, but life is not a continuous mountaintop experience - not even for the believer. A Christian has his share of struggles, heartaches, and valleys just like everybody else.
- You may be in a valley right now. Let's look at David and the lessons he learned while in the valley, and allow these things to help us and encourage us today.

First lesson learned – there are always consequences when I _____ God. vs. 13-15

- Sometimes, our valleys and problems in life are _____-inflicted.
- But, God can **use** these times to get our attention, and get us to forsake whatever _____ we may be involved in.
- It is important to remember that forgiveness and consequences are two completely different issues.
- It is true that we are eternally secure, and it is true that we have forgiveness as a present possession in Christ, but this does not _____ consequences for our sin.

- When we sin and make bad choices, there will be consequences, and possibly bad _____.

**Second lesson learned – _____ to
God can come through the valleys.
vs. 16-17**

- Many times, the valleys of life will drive us to our knees, and we discover things about God we never knew - we get to know God in a more _____ way.
- *“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.”*
Philippians 3:10

**Third lesson learned – God may deliver you
_____ the valley rather than _____ of
the valley. vs. 18-19**

Next week, we will finish this topic and learn more lessons from the valley.