

## ***Small Decisions....Life Long Consequences***

As we reflect back over our lives, isn't it amazing how what seems like a small decision causes life long consequences – for good and for not so good? The small decision to attend a particular college leads to meeting the love of your life. The small decision to have a one night stand that leads to the choice of abortion. The small decision to turn right rather than left leads to avoiding an accident. The small decision to text while driving leads to someone becoming a quadriplegic. The small decision to receive God's gift of grace leads to a royal inheritance.

King David from the Bible provides many examples of this principle. He went to take food to his brother and ends up slaying a giant. He gazed on a woman and had a man murdered and his child dies. He decides to count the people and a plague is sent on Israel. He shepherds well and Jehovah makes him King.

The amazing thing is that the negative consequences – though life long – do not have to ruin our lives. And aren't we glad that our God is longer than our lives!!

### *How to Heal from Bad Consequences (II Samuel 12 & 24)*

- Seek God's \_\_\_\_\_
- Trust \_\_\_\_\_
- Do the Next \_\_\_\_\_ Thing

### *How to Avoid Bad Consequences in the Future*

- Pray for \_\_\_\_\_ Failure (Galatians 6)
- Ask, "Does this sow to the \_\_\_\_\_ or to the \_\_\_\_\_?" (Galatians 6)
- Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (I Samuel 17)
- Heed \_\_\_\_\_ (II Samuel 24)
- Do Your \_\_\_\_\_ (II Samuel 11)

### *Resources:*

- Surrendering the Secret by Pat Layton
- Breaking Free by Beth Moore
- The Bondage Breaker by Neal Anderson
- Prayers that Avail Much by Word Ministries
- Prayers for the Family by Sylvia Gunter