

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Email: [moe@ourelement.org](mailto:moe@ourelement.org)

Our next Men's Breakfast is THIS Saturday, at 8:15am upstairs in the youth room. No sign-ups, just come!

### PUMPKIN KILLING!

[www.ourelement.org/pk](http://www.ourelement.org/pk)

Join us on Sunday, October 25th from 1:30-2pm at the Orcutt Hill (Newlove) Picnic Grounds, where we will carve, eat and launch pumpkins! Fun for all ages!

### GOSPEL COMMUNITY

GC's are our primary organizing structure, here at Element. It's where we really see Disciple Making take place, when we orient our lives together, on and around the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's where we commit to grow as a disciple, disciple others, and make disciples. To share our lives so they are visible and accessible.

**DISCIPLE:** A disciple is one who increasingly submits their life to the all-empowering Lordship of Jesus Christ.

**JOIN:** Connect with a Group by emailing [connect@ourelement.org](mailto:connect@ourelement.org) or visiting the Welcome Center.

## THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

Thank you for joining us today. This is a short note to let you know that we know what you are thinking: It is hot and cramped in this room. We want to acknowledge with you that yes, the front room is full, the kids rooms are full, and it can get warm. We are working on alleviating this right now by building our own building on the land just north of us (we must be out of this one by December 2016).

There is a lot that goes into the process of Element having a permanent home, but we hope that today you are first drawn to Jesus before you are overwhelmed by anything else. If it gets too hot, we

may hand out popsicles to help you cool off and give you a sugar rush. If you would like a service that has open seats (and is cooler), you are invited to our 8:15am service. Please understand that all of these "challenges" are because of our love for Jesus, people, and growth that has come quickly. These are good things. We hope you will stay as we work to make more room for you to be part of the good thing Jesus is doing here. If you would like more information about our building process or how you can participate, you can visit: [www.elementroots.org](http://www.elementroots.org).

- The Element Team

# LEGENDS OF THE FALL

TODAY'S VERSES:

MY NOTES:

*Proverbs 27:6*

*2 Samuel 11:1-13*

*John 8:32*

*2 Samuel 12:1*

*Ephesians 6:1*

*Mark 9:33*

*Luke 6:46*

04 DAVID & BATHSHEBA

*“Faithful are the wounds of a friend.”*

*Proverbs 27:6*

We are in a series called “Legends of the Fall,” all about the “bad” people or the “bad” stories in the bible and how it relates to who we are today. We tend to want to look at “bad” guys in a story and say “that could never be me because I’m really a good person,” but we are exactly like those bad guys. Today we look at the story of David and Bathsheba.

**What was the best day you ever had?**

**What was the worst day you ever had?**

There are two stories people remember about the life of King David, his highest triumph (when David slew the giant Goliath) and his lowest personal defeat (when David gave in to personal temptation and slept with a woman who was not his wife). For every Goliath we seem to be able to defeat, there is a temptation, like Bathsheba, waiting to take hold of our hearts.

**Is it easier for you to fall into temptation/sin when life is going well or when life is bad?**

**When you sin, do you try to cover it up?**

Throughout scripture, we see people trying to hide from their sin; Adam and Eve hide their nakedness, Cain states, “Am I my brothers keeper,” and King David tried to get Bathsheba’s husband to sleep with her so he could avoid the consequence of his sin. David’s cover up did not stop at that, his actions eventually resulted in the death of Bathsheba’s husband. The pattern here is that sin begets more sin.

**Where in your life do you need accountability?**

People are incredibly gifted at deceiving themselves; it is an idea called “cognitive dissonance.” We say we believe one thing, but live our lives completely different and are blinded to the discrepancy. You can have the greatest intentions, but trying to live our lives on our own is a disaster. It is easy to start a new pattern of sin, but it is almost impossible to ever end it on our own.

**What is the difference between confronting someone out of love, or out of anger?**

**Have you ever been lovingly confronted about your sin?**

*Read 2 Samuel 12:1-4*

It is easy to look at the sin of someone else and identify the consequence, it is harder to have that sin revealed to us.

**Do you get fired up about someone else’s sin, but overlook your own?**

*Read 2 Samuel 12:7-9*

Nathan does not hold back, he understands that giving David a half-truth is just as damaging as not saying anything.

**Where in your life are you tempted to give people half-truths?**

Telling people what they want to hear is not love, and shying away from sin is not love. When people are in destructive behavior, they need to be shown a mirror. Nathan loved David and God so much that he was willing to die to tell David the truth.

**Who is your Nathan?**

**Is there anyone you have invited to tell the truth to you?**

I (Jon) love looking at the story of David, both his best day and his worst day. They remind us that no matter how good we are, we are not exempt from falling into sin. The truth is we NEED a deliverer! The good news of this tragic chapter is that the history of God’s people did not finally rest even on David. Despite being a “man after God’s own heart,” and despite the fact that David knows how to repent sincerely in the wake of grievous sin, David cannot save God’s people. He too is weak, just like us. He fails, just like us. A son of David needed to come who would not fail. In Jesus Christ, this Davidic heir arrives, our Savior comes.

**What is your understanding of Repentance and Grace?**