

# CLOUD OF WITNESSES

## Big Idea

Pastor Jeremiah – Part 3

Have you ever wondered why God included stories of adultery, rape, incest, betrayal, and murder in His book the Bible? We idealize the great men and women in the Bible. They did great things for God, but they also did great sins against God and others. Pastor Jeremiah talked about David's life and what we can learn from his successes and his failures. By the way, many of the "great" sins listed earlier were committed by David!

Pastor Jeremiah walks us through David's **pleasure, sin, guilt, conviction, repentance, and ultimate freedom**. We too can live in freedom! Plus, your life of freedom can help others live in freedom too. This message called David, is from the Cloud of Witnesses series, taking its title from: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12:1

When we live with consistent repentance to our Savior, we allow our lives to be **changed**, our past's **repurposed**, and our next steps to be **about Him and not us**. If you lead in being vulnerable about what God has done in your life, you will be amazed at the opportunities that He brings to you. It is so life-giving for people to hear that they are not alone in this struggle of life and have picked up an ally that will walk with them toward Jesus.

## Discussion Questions

- What is David's greatest accomplishment according to 1 Samuel 13:14?
- Our response to sin is vital. What is the cost of sin? Read John 3:16.
- Pastor Jeremiah focused on repentance as all encompassing, meaning we can't compartmentalize sin or minimize our sin. What does Psalm 51:1-2 say about this?
- Repentance also costs us something. Read Psalm 51:3-6 and discuss the cost.
- Repentance leads to new life for us. Read Psalm 51:7-12 and discuss this new life.
- Repentance also leads to new life in others. Read Psalm 51:13-17 and discuss how this can happen to those around us.
- What is your NEXT STEP?

## Prayer Focus

Pray asking the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where you might need to repent. Asking Him to reveal a trusted person who you can open up to, in order to help you with weak areas in your life.

## Next Steps

Consider what steps you need to take to grow in the areas God has revealed to you. These steps may include having a hard conversation with someone, being open and honest with someone, being vulnerable with someone. Make that connection and then ask them to walk with you to keep you accountable and encouraged.

## Leader Tip

Think back to a season of struggle that you went through in your past. Share what you did that helped you to receive God's power to overcome the struggle.