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GALATIANS 5:17

The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

2 CORINTHIANS 7:10

For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

David's sin, enormous as it was, was wildly outdone by God's grace. David's sin cannot, must not be minimized, but its miniscule compared to God's salvation from it. It's always a mistake to concentrate attention on our sins, its God's work on our sins that's the main event.

Eugene Peterson

While the details of our lives may overlap very little with David's, there is one thing we all have in common with him. We've all put God's grace to the test. We have broken his law. We've been irresponsible with his blessing. We've confessed a sin only to turn right around and repeat it. It's those occasions when I begin to wonder, How many times? How many times can I expect God to forgive me for the same sin? All of us in our own ways have wondered, Where does grace end and retribution begin? If David's story is any indication, grace has no end.

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