



# LIFE NEWS

## Moving

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Moving may be one of my least favorite but necessary tasks in life. We moved within the last month to a new place. Every time we move, we realize how much stuff we own, and things seem to have multiplied.

When we began the process of moving, the question was, should we save, trash, or donate an item? But by midnight, the day before the moving truck came and the day of moving, we were no longer asking that question. We were throwing things in boxes and saying to ourselves, "Future Gordon will deal with this." I've just got to get through it and get it to the new place." Putting things off is why we still have boxes in several rooms in our house and why others have boxes from their prior moves still sitting untouched in their garage. We don't want to deal with something right now, but delaying has consequences.

King David, the man we admire so much, was in a situation where he didn't deal with his sin problem right away. You are probably familiar with the story in 2 Samuel 11. David sees a beautiful woman bathing. Not just any woman but the wife of one of his soldiers. He takes her as his own, and she becomes pregnant. David doesn't own his sin yet. He makes it worse; he tries to deceive Uriah so he would think the baby is his. When that doesn't work, he places Uriah in a spot where he is killed. David had committed adultery, which led to him lying and deceiving, which then led to him being responsible for the death of a man. It isn't until Nathan

confronts him that he realizes the depth of his sin and the consequences (the child of this pregnancy dies).

When we sin, our impulse is often to hide it or downplay it. We don't want to deal with the consequences of hurting others or breaking trust. We are ashamed of what others may think of us if they knew about ... (fill in the blanks), so we don't deal with our sin.

We also might wonder how God could even love us or talk to us after committing that sin, especially if it is the same thing we confessed just yesterday. We sit there with unconfessed sin, which often leads us to lie about it, which is more sin. The snowball keeps growing; this is not the way of a Spirit-filled life. God is aware of your sin. He made a way for you to come back into a right relationship with people, even if you sin as a believer. 1 John 1:9 reads, "If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

David wrote Psalm 51 in response to his sin. The most famous verse is, "Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew right spirit within me." He repented and came back to God. David knew the ugliness of his sin, but he also knew the compassion of God could be found in his repentance and in the character of God. That same love David received is for you. You don't have to live in your sin. You can live in the freedom that comes with repentance.