

1. Share a time when you failed in your life. How did you respond in the moment? Why do you think we often try to cover up failure rather than admit it?

2. Read **2 Samuel 11:1–5**

Why do you think David's decision to stay behind when kings normally went to war was significant?

What small compromises or moments of laziness have led you into temptation or poor decisions in the past? How can you recognize when you are vulnerable to these types of compromises in your own life? What boundaries or guardrails can you set up to protect yourself from these compromises?

3. Read **2 Samuel 11:6–17**

Why do you think David's instinct was to cover up his sin rather than confess it?

Have you ever tried to hide a mistake or failure? What was the outcome? How does covering up sin impact our relationships with others and with God? What are some signs that you might be trying to cover up a failure right now?

4. Read **2 Samuel 12:1–14**

Why did God send Nathan to confront David instead of leaving David to deal with the consequences on his own? How did Nathan's approach in telling a story first help David see the truth more clearly?

Have you ever had someone lovingly confront you about a failure? How did you respond? How do you usually react when you're confronted about your mistakes—defensive, angry, ashamed, or humble? How does God's loving confrontation reveal His desire for restoration rather than punishment?

5. Read **Psalms 51:1–12**

What strikes you most about David's prayer of repentance? How does David's response to his failure differ from how most people respond to failure today?

Why is it hard to admit failure openly to God and others? What's the difference between guilt and true repentance? How have you experienced God's restoration after a time of failure?

6. Spend time this week reflecting on a past failure. Ask God to show you where you've been holding onto guilt or shame. Pray Psalm 51 each day, asking God to create in you a clean heart and renew a right spirit within you. Consider reaching out to someone you've hurt or wronged and take a step toward reconciliation.

Digging Deeper Sheet:

We've also created a "Digging Deeper" sheet for further reflection, application, and transformation as we walk through this series as part of the ROOTED in the WORD focus for 2025. Check the Study Guide or download at www.nbchurchcf.org



CURRENT SERIES

DEFINING MOMENTS

WHEN GOD CHANGES EVERYTHING

NEW TO NORTHAMPTON?

We're glad you're here! Take a moment to fill-out a **Connection Card** and let us know more about you! If you have children or teens, we have great, safe options for Children's & Student Ministry! Complete info can be found at: www.NBchurchCF.org!

MESSAGE SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE: Defining Moments

Facing Failure - 2 Samuel 11-12 & Psalm 51

NEXT SUNDAY: Defining Moments

Choosing Surrender - Matthew 26:36-46

WORSHIP ORDER

HOUSE OF THE LORD

WELCOME

GREETING

I NEED YOU

IT IS WELL

OFFERING

CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

SCRIPTURE READING

MESSAGE

YES I WILL

SEND OFF AND PRAYER

CLASSES & LIFE GROUPS

SUNDAYS

Young Adults Class
Room 203

The Gospel According to John Study
Room 201 | 9:15am

WEDNESDAYS – 6:00PM
NBStudents (Grades 6-12)
Kidstown (Age 4-5th Grade)

WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM
Ladies Bible Study

THURSDAYS

7:00PM
Men's Bible Study

VARIOUS DAYS

LIFE Groups
Real-Life Discipleship

NEXT STEPS

BAPTISM/PARTNERSHIP **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

More info inside the bulletin.

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UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

WELCOME!

We're glad you have decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and down-load the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

CHURCH CENTER APP

Interested in joining a team, a LIFE Group or signing up for an event? Download the **Church Center App** (from your app store), choose **Northampton** as your church, and you are all set!

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER – 8:30

If you would like to take part in praying for Sunday mornings and each other, join us in the Café.

PRAYER CHAIN - Please contact Marcia Peters at care@nbchurchcf.org if interested in joining Northampton's prayer chain. If you have prayer request needs, please email them to care@nbchurchcf.org or if you don't email, www.nbchurchcf.org/prayer/.

CARE MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, has a need for prayer, meals, visitation, or other assistance, please fill out a request card located at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to care@nbchurchcf.org.

MEALS NEEDED - Ron Horning will be having knee replacement surgery this week. The Hornings will need meals for **April 7-9**. Sign up at takethemameal.com. Name and password is **Horning**.

MERCY FUND

The monies in the Mercy Fund are used to help families in need. If you would like to contribute to this fund (in addition to your regular giving), please select that option in the Church Center App, or indicate on an envelope when you give this morning.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CM needs individually wrapped bags of Easter candy. Please bring to the church **by next Sunday, April 13**.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER &

SHARE, 6:00-7:30 - Join us in the Overflow Room for prayer and Scripture discussion on Genesis 35-43.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES BIBLE STUDY – 6:30-7:30, in Room 208

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver DVD/Book study. Book is provided at no cost. Questions? Please text Christal Walsh 330-962-7503.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 12, 8:00 - Sign up at the Connection Wall in the foyer.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, April 12, At Northampton
We are **meeting at 9:30am** to clean the interior and exterior of the church. We have different projects, so we need ***all hands on deck!*** See Jeni Gilbreath for more information on the "interior" and John Fisher on the "exterior." **Sign up at the Connection Wall in the foyer!**

EASTER BREAKFAST - On **Easter Sunday morning at 9:30**, we will share breakfast together! **Sign-up in the Church Center App** so we can have enough food prepared. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends!

BAPTISM / PARTNERSHIP

Easter Sunday, April 20

If you're interested in Baptism and/or Partnership at Northampton, please fill out the form in the Church Center App or on the church website.

A PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION is scheduled on **Mother's Day, May 11**. Please go to the website to sign-up - **www.nbchurchcf.org/dedication**.

MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Joe Pryor

The defining moment in your failure is found in responding in _____ and _____.

Remember: Failure is an _____, not a _____

Steps to getting stuck in the trap of sin:

_____ it > _____ it > _____ it >
_____ it >

David's Defining Moment (2 Samuel 11-12)

When you're facing failure:

1. Get _____ (Psalm 51:3-4)
2. Get _____ (Psalm 51:7-10 / Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
3. Get _____ (Psalm 51:12-13)