

## **“End of Innocence”** (2 Samuel 11)

### **Coming to grips with my sinfulness**

- **Unresolved sin produces a quick-sand effect that entangles. Knowing this means that I will take sin seriously.**

**Heb 12:1** *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

- **Sin management strategies only make things progressively worse. Knowing this gives me the courage to confess, repent, and accept God’s grace instead of trying to protect myself through secrecy and deception.**

**Ps 32:3-5** *3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" — and you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

- **The sin struggle is one that even the greatest of God’s servants face. Knowing this means that we have the freedom to be honest with each other about our weaknesses.**

**James 5:16 (NLT)** *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*