

## “A Long Way Home”

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 10:13 “No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.”

### **Introduction:**

A couple of years ago our family went to Wolf Creek Pass in Southern Colorado to go snow skiing. They had a lot of snow on the ground by the time we got their and it snowed like a mad man the whole time we were there.

By the second day it had snowed so much that we decided to stay home and play in the snow rather than risking a trip up the mountain to ski. So we horsed around throwing snow balls and general fun. Then I got the bright idea to walk down the mountain from our country house we were renting to the San Jon River.

It only took 45 minutes or so and the kids loved it. With each step excitement built as anticipation of seeing that great river was in our minds. The snow was really deep and the mountain was steep. Probably a 45 degree angle down anyway.

When we got there it was a blast we plowed threw a 4-5 foot tall drift and threw things in the water. We really enjoyed it and then the sky started to become black.

It dawned on me that I was responsible for these kids and I better get them back to the house, because Colorado snow can come quickly and be rather blinding. So we started up the hill.

I being the responsible adult that I am, pronounced my intention to bring up the rear so nobody would get left behind. It may have also had something to do with the fact that every step up in the deep snow was really hard for this big boy. Ten steps top and I would have to rest in the thin mountain air for 15 minutes or so only to take ten more steps. Four hours latter I reached the house as they were forming a search party.

It seemed like such a good idea but by the time I got back my head felt like it was ready to explode. I literally wondered if I would make it on a few occasions.

### **Transitional Statement:**

Sin is a short walk also but can be really hard to get back from.

### **Lesson:**

- I. David’s Desire lead to Sin 2 Samuel 11:1-3
  - He looked and did not turn away
  - James 1:14
  
- II. David made a Decision to Sin 2 Samuel 11:4a
  - Sent messengers to get Bathsheba

- III. David acted upon that decision 2 Samuel 11:4b
  - Committed adultery
- IV. Result was Bathsheba became pregnant 2 Samuel 11:5
  - His sin found him out like Achin
- V. Attempted Cover up 2 Samuel 11:6-13
  - Tried to hide his sin ...Psalms 32:3
- VI. The Snow ball effect 2 Samuel 11:14-17
  - Lead to other sins.
- VII. A bad example 2 Samuel 11:18-26
- VIII. God was displeased 2 Samuel 11:27-12:9
  - Sin upset God
  - Makes him sad
- IX. Confession and forgiveness 2 Samuel 12:13
- X. The Consequences
  - Sword would not depart from his house ...Verse 10
  - Calamity would be his.....Verse 11
  - Wives given to others.....Verse 11.....2 Samuel 16:20-22
  - Enemies of God show contempt...Verse 14
  - Son will die....Verses 14-19
- XII. The guilt David felt
  - Psalms 51
- XIII. Home again ....Psalms 32:1-2

**Conclusion:**

There is time that exists between temptation and our action and we need to think before we act. Much like I should have realized that if I climbed down that mountain I would have to come back up as well.

We must take sin seriously and recognize that God expects us to strive for righteousness, to be holy as He is holy.