

MARINERS CHURCH



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I'll fail when I lose purpose and focus for my life.

This is the LORD's battle, and he will give you to us!" 1 Samuel 17:45-47

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There is really no work of God in my life until it gets really personal and invades and moves into MY life.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. 2 Peter 1:10

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Talk it Over! For your LifeGroup and discipleship time...

Temptation and 'fall' are tough subjects to discuss with others. So in your group setting, do the best you can.

Read 1 Samuel 11-12:14.

Why do you think David was so ripe for failure? How does 'zeal' for God play into this?

Why do you think David tried to control the situation? How do you think he felt during the 'cover up'? What do you feel when you 'cover up'?

Has God ever sent a "Nathan" to you (either a person or a situation) to 'rescue' you?

Look up Galatians 6:1. How can we help each other through temptation and sin?

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