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# Backseat Driving Through the Bible

# Eve

- Genesis 2-3
- “How could you risk losing a perfect situation and perfect life in the perfect place by something so trivial as a fruit?”
- How often do we give up perfection in the hope of heaven for the trivial things in life?
- It’s very cut and dry...
  - “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” –Romans 6:23
- ...but yet we all fall.
  - “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” –Romans 3:23

# Israelites

- Exodus 16-17
- “How could they doubt God and complain after what God had done for them?”
- How often do we doubt God after all the good He has done in our lives?
- How often do we complain after all God has given us?

# Israelites

- “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”- Phil. 4:19
- “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”- Matt. 6:31-34

# Israelites

- “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”- 1 Cor. 10:13
- Think of times in your life where God has provided...don't you think He will again?

# David

- 2 Samuel 11
- “How could a man after God’s own heart do something like that?”
- How often do we, as God’s children, make awful mistakes?
  - “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage...You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”- Gal. 5:1, 4

# David

- “For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.”- 2 Peter 2:20-21
- We must all be focused on not falling into sin, no matter how strong we feel we are! If David can fall, so can we!

# Judas and the Mob

- Matthew 26 and Luke 22
- The mob's awful actions toward Christ
- “How could someone betray, abuse, and eventually kill the perfect Christ?”
- Yet...our sin put Him there.
  - “For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.”- Hebrews 6:4-6

# Judas and the Mob

- “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth?”; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”- 1 Peter 2:21-24
- “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”- Acts 2:36

# So...What Do We Do?

- Stop backseat driving!
- Instead, take the wheel and ask what you should do.
- The same mob we just talked about asked this same question...
- “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’” - Acts 2:37

# The Answer

- “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” - Acts 2:38
- “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” - Galatians 2:20

Will you continue to backseat  
drive...

Or

Will you take the wheel and  
do what you need to do?