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**Intro:** We can not hide our *sins* from God. It will *always* find us out, **Num. 32:23**.

The principal of *sowing* and *reaping* applies to believers as well as un- believers, **Gal. 6:7-9**, **Job. 4:8**.

God’s *grace* does not eliminate the principals of *choices* and consequences.

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## **I. Chastisement**

God’s Chastisement is always *forward* looking.

It’s not meant to *punish* but to *correct* and to prepare.

Chastening is an expression of God’ *love*,  
**Heb.12:5-13, Prov. 3:11-12.**

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## **II. David’s Response**

### **A. He fasted and *prayed*,**

These aren’t *tools* to get what we want from God, they *demonstrate* submission to God’s *sovereignty*.

His mourning was for *repentance*, not the loss of a child.

David’s *prayers* were the exercise of his *faith*.

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## **II. David’s Response**

### **B. He faced the Consequences Realistically**

David *washed* and changed his clothes,  
symbolizing a *new beginning*,

Because of God’s *mercy* we can all make a new  
*beginning*, **Isa. 59:1**

David exercised great *spiritual* confidence as he  
worshipped God during this trial.

David believed in the *sovereignty* of God, and  
believed He was both *just* and merciful.

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## **C. David Moved On**

Bitterness and *regret* over yesterday’s pain and *failure* can rob us of today’s *joy*.

While there was *chastisement* for David’s sin, his life wasn’t *ruined*, **Rom. 8:1**.

We need to take Paul’s cue, *Forget* the past, press towards the *future*, **Phil. 3:13-14**.