

ENGAGE THE WORD

SERIES

“How Could You?”

2 Samuel 11:1-12:25

Text. Psm. 51.17

- **Review of Salvation Themes so Far:**
- **Salvation from Sin's Impact – Noah**
- **Salvation from Sin's Exile – Moses**
- **Salvation from Sin's Arrogance – David**

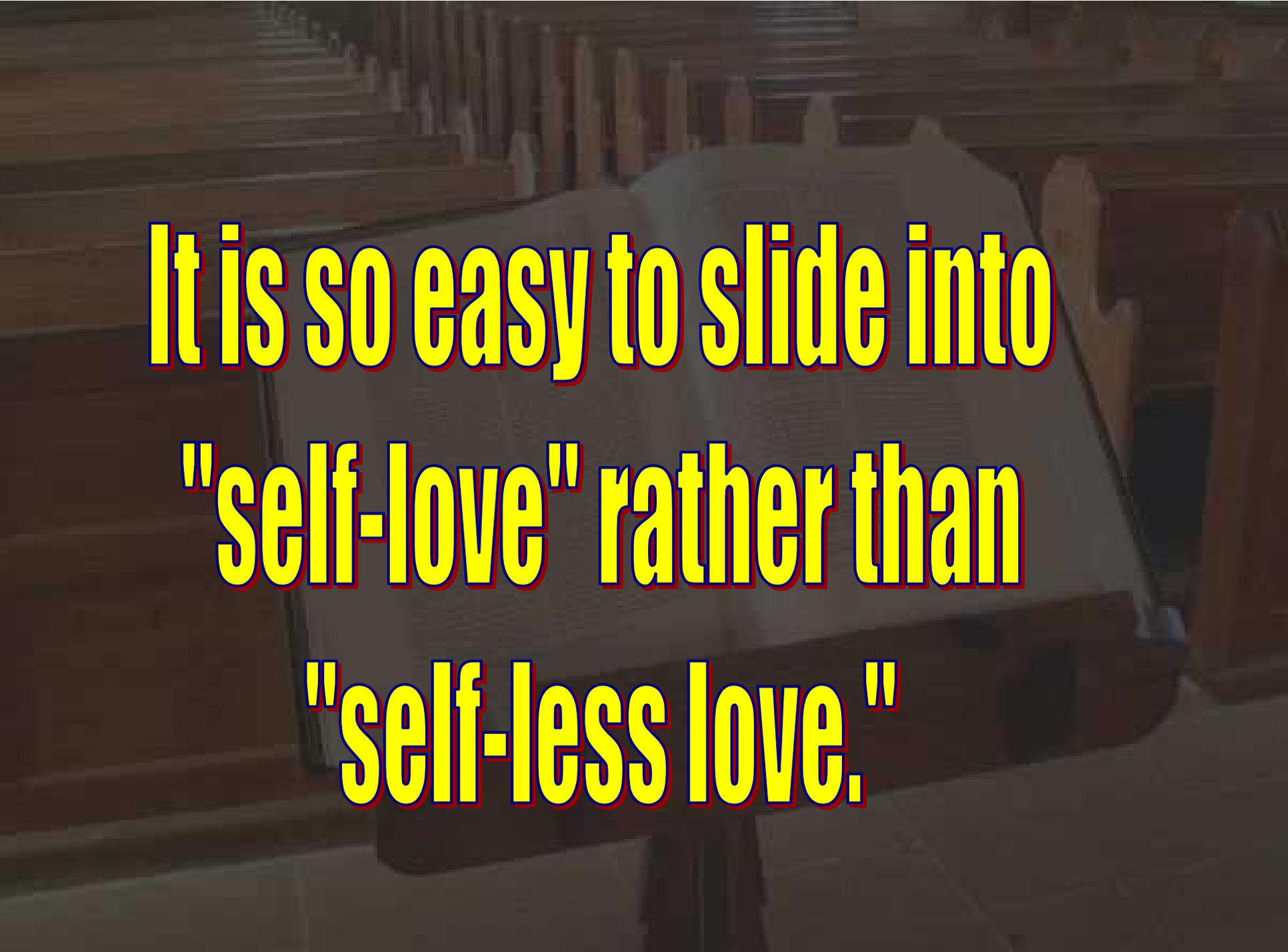
- **Two Powerful Principles:**
- **It is a huge mistake to believe we are ever beyond temptation and the reach of sin.**
- **The problem of sin as infidelity exposes the true nature of sin to all men of all races.**

How Could You...

- ... the cry of grief, rage, desolation and remorse as people try to cope with the repercussions of infidelity of all kinds.
- Even good but naïve people are sliding across boundaries into affairs of the heart and body.
- The new crisis of infidelity is in friendships, work relationships, internet/texting liaisons, these are the newest threat to marriage.
- Infidelity- emotional or physical violations of trust.

Never Underestimate the Power of Sin

- Sin has a bright, shiny allure to it.
- “So if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall. No temptation has seized you except what is common to man.” 1Cor.10:12-13a
- “When king go off to war”-David stayed home.
- Temptation is attraction and attraction simply means you are still breathing.
- Jesus was tempted at all point like us, but was without sin. Lk.14:1-3

A person wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and dark trousers stands in a room with dark wood-paneled walls. They are holding a large, white, rectangular sheet of paper or a sign in front of them. The text is overlaid on the white sheet.

**It is so easy to slide into
"self-love" rather than
"self-less love."**

Never Underestimate the Consequences of this Sin

- **Betrayal, infidelity is so deep it parallels post-traumatic syndrome through war, natural disasters, tragic accidents and violence.**
- **Its essential nature is rooted in secrecy.**
- **It expresses contempt or disrespect for the Lord substituting eros for agape.**
- **It violates trust, honesty and righteousness, the very nature of Christ in us.**
- **4 fold payment: Infant, Ammon, Absalom, Adonigh – no peace in his home**

Surviving This Sin Psm.51

- **Honesty/transparency is the only way to undo the legacy of deception and sin. 12:12**
- **I have sinned against the Lord. 12:15**
- **David is processing his grief, confession and longing for transformation.**
- **Pardon 1- 4 Confession, ownership**
- **Transformation 5 – 9 A deeper work is needed. Cleanse (leper), wash (as upon a rock) create a NEW heart AND a New spirit.**

Conclusion

- **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit (no arrogance) a broken heart (ownership of sin) and a contrite heart (one that is teachable and changeable).**
- **We need hearts cleansed of the disease of sin, not restored to what they were when they were good, but made new.**
- **Restore the joy – but more than that grant me a willing and free spirit.**