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1. Familiarity with sin.
2. Acceptance of sin.
3. Flirting with sin.
4. Excusing our sin.
5. Snowballing of our sin.

## Three Sure Statements About Sin

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“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by **sin’s deceitfulness.**” - Hebrews 3:13

- Sin begins so simply but soon becomes complex.

2. Sin Always Destroys.

“Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but **one sinner destroys much good.**” - Ecclesiastes 9:18

- Something is not evil because God calls it sin. God calls it sin because it is evil.

3. Sin is Always Discovered.

“...You will be sinning against the Lord; and you may **be sure that your sin will find you out.**” - Numbers 32:23

*David’s penalty was four-fold:*

1. The sword would never depart from his house.
2. Evil would pursue him in his own household.
3. His wives would be taken by another before him.
4. The child born to Bathsheba would die.

### A Statement About Forgiveness

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