

PAPARAZZI

Have you ever wondered what life would be like to live in the spotlight? Celebrities know all about paparazzi and flashing lights. They are followed day and night. Paparazzi are photographers who hunt famous people, public figures and their families for the opportunity to photograph them in candid, unflattering and times compromising moments. Rihanna and Chris Brown know all about the damage photos can do when they catch you at the wrong moment. Even people from the bible like David getting caught with Bathsheba is an example of being caught in the spotlight of sin. Celebrities even confirm that they use everything from disguises to decoys to try to escape the cameras. Can you image how it would feel to have someone follow you, constantly taking pictures of you? Well the idea of being caught by the paparazzi is not that far out there as it seems. We may not live in the Hollywood spotlight, but we always have someone who is on our tails. That someone is Satan. See, our spotlight is the light of God, and Satan is always taking snapshots of us in our weaker moments. Then he goes to expose the film and publish these compromising photos of you before God. But the wonderful thing about God is when he looks at the pictures of you, he doesn't see your trashy tabloid photos. He sees the blood of Jesus that purchased you. In a way, Jesus paid for every bad picture that will ever be taken of you to be destroyed, even before they were taken. He made sure there was always a way for us to be forgiven.

Read 2 Samuel 11:1-26

What was the root of David's problem? In the end, who called David on the carpet for the wrong he did?

How would you feel if you were followed by paparazzi?

Would you be proud of the life you present on film? Would you be ashamed of it?

Is there anything in your life that you wouldn't want exposed on film? What is it?

How would you behave differently if you knew someone was always watching you? What kind of precautions would you take?

John 10:10 *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*

We have an enemy that loves to catch us at bad moments. How can you protect yourself from this?

Even though we try our hardest, we still make mistakes. What do you do when this happens?