

**Buckets of the Past**  
**How are you dealing with past sin and suffering?**

1 Samuel 18-19  
Saul throws a spear at David

1 Samuel 24  
David has opportunity to retaliate but doesn't

**Bucket #1**

You were sinned against  
You responded biblically

Be realistic - acknowledge the sin and suffering (Ps 73)

Call out to God (Ps 61)

Let God comfort you  
(2 Corinthians 1:3-11)

**Bucket #2**

You sinned  
You responded biblically

Believe God's promise to forgive (Isaiah 43:25)

Be joyful in forgiveness and new life (2 Cor 5:17)

Don't keep dwelling on the past (1 John 1:9)

2 Samuel 12  
David has sinned against Bathsheba, Uriah, Joab, but when Nathan confronts him, he repents (Psalm 51)

1 Samuel 25  
Nabal insults David and threatens him and his men. David tells his men to take revenge with swords.

**Bucket #3**

You were sinned against  
You responded sinfully

Did you get even? Rom 12:14-21

Did you get bitter? (Ruth 1:20-21 and Eph 4)

Did you confront? (Matt 18:15)

Did you forgive? (Eph 4:32)

**Bucket #4**

You sinned  
You responded sinfully

Contemplate and confess your sin (Prov 28:13, Psalm 32:5)

Make things right with others (Numbers 5:6-7)

Put on the fruit of repentance (Gal 5:22-23)

2 Samuel 11  
David commits adultery and further sins by tricking Uriah into drinking and then has Joab send him to the frontlines to be killed.