

## **After God's Heart**

Lesson 9

2 Samuel 11:1-27

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### **The Case of the Open Window Shade**

#### **Introduction**

Come on David! You killed a lion, a bear, and a giant! How could you stoop so low as to sin this greatly? Haven't you seen God protect you, provide for you and bless your life again and again? You're a man after God's heart! What happened?

We often elevate those in leadership, especially spiritual leaders who seem to really understand the things of God, but then become confused and hurt when they sin. However, it's not a surprise when a person—even a great one—sins. Every person in this world, Jesus aside, has sin in their life that must be dealt with by Jesus' perfect sacrifice! These leaders are people just like all of us, prone to sin and in need of God's grace to be radically changed. The question is, are you going to have a stubborn heart, dead set against repentance and humility, or are you going to fall on your knees to the One who wants to change our wicked hearts?

David is a REAL life after God. He is not some pumped up, perfect warrior specimen that we might want to make him out to be. Looking at his example, how do we avoid making the same mistakes? How do we keep sin at bay when we are most tempted?

***Memory verse: "After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD."—2 Samuel 11:27***

Pray and read 2 Samuel 11:1-27. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

**What does the passage say?**

1. Where did David remain while the army went off to war? (2 Samuel 11:1)
2. What was the message Bathsheba sent to David after they slept together? (2 Samuel 11:5)
3. Where did Uriah sleep for the night after David brought him home from the war? (2 Samuel 11:13)
4. What did David have Joab do with Uriah? (2 Samuel 11:14-15)
5. What did the messenger say happened to Uriah during the siege? (2 Samuel 11:24)

6. What events took place for Bathsheba, following the death of Uriah? (2 Samuel 11:27)

### **What does the passage mean?**

1. Sin significantly impacted David's life. Sin, even in private is like a seed. You can't sow corn and expect lettuce to pop up just as you can't expect to sin without reaping the harvest of the consequences. What are the ways that sin affects our lives, bodies and souls in the Bible? (Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Ephesians 4:18-19)
  
2. David was tempted with lust towards Bathsheba, which led to his affair with her. Is temptation a sin? Does God tempt us? How are we tempted? (1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 4:15; James 1:13-15)

3. What are some ways to stop thoughts and temptations from becoming sin? (Matthew 4:1-4; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 6:10-18; James 4:7-8a) What part did idleness play in David's sin?
  
4. David severely impacted others' lives through his wrongdoings. Bathsheba lost her husband, her purity and became pregnant, Uriah and other soldiers lost their lives, and even David's immediate family was greatly impacted later in 2 Samuel. What are some examples of a person's sin affecting another in the Bible? (Genesis 3:6-19; Matthew 26:47) How are we affected today by the actions of some of these people?

### **Applying the passage**

1. What are some seeds of sin and temptation you have allowed to plant in your heart? In what ways have you excused and rationalized your sin, to make it appear not as bad as it really is?

