

SECRETS EXPOSED
2 SAMUEL 11 and 12
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"What terrifies us is not the explosive force of the atomic bomb, but the power of the wickedness of the human heart" Albert Einstein

2 Samuel 11:1

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. **But David remained at Jerusalem.**

1. THE FALL //

Cracks in David's Character

- David acquired many wives and concubines (1 Samuel 5:13)
- Built a horse herd (2 Samuel 8:4)
- Gained great wealth (8: 7-8)
- The 3 things God prohibited kings of Israel from doing (Deut 14:14-17)

The Look:

2 Samuel 11:2

2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful.

2 Samuel 11:3

And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the **daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah** the Hittite?"

2 Samuel 23:34 & 39

Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai of Maacah, **Eliam the son of Ahithophel** the Gilonite, **Uriah the Hittite**: thirty-seven in all.

2 Samuel 11:4

So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her.

Genesis 3:6

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

What was Bathsheba doing?

2 Samuel 11:4

So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house.

Bathsheba was pursuing Holiness.

“There is one command: Flee! Flee fornication. Flee idolatry. Flee youthful lusts. Flee the lusts of the world. There is no resistance to Satan in lust other than flight. Every struggle against lust in one’s own strength is doomed to failure.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer.”

2. THE COVER UP //

What do we do when leaders fail?

2 Samuel 11:26-27

26 When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. 27 And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

3. EXPOSED //

2 Samuel 12:1 And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor.

2 Samuel 12:5-6

5 Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, 6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

2 Samuel 12:7

7 Nathan said to David, “You are the man!

2 Samuel 12:13-15

13 David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die.” 15 Then Nathan went to his house.

Killing Sin:

1. Identify the lie,
2. confess the lie,
3. Reject the lie
4. Replace the lie with God’s truth.

4. CLEANSED //

Psalms 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

Psalms 51:7-10

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;

let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 32:3-4

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.