

BUT DAVID TARRIED STILL AT JERUSALEM

2 Sam 11:1-5

David's greatest sin (1 Ki 15:5)

Illustration of what can happen to a man after God's own heart a little at a time.

2 Sam 11:1

Spring time--time of picking up battle.

David 51-52 years old.

On throne 20 years.

Organized Israel into 12 great tribes.

Militia respected.

Never suffered defeat on battlefield.

Beautiful home ... plans to build new temple of God.

Enlarged borders of Israel--over 60,000 square miles.

People know him as

- Man of God
- Writer of hymns
- Great warrior
- Compassionate and wise leader

Three things king must never do:

1. Multiply horses
2. Multiply wives
3. Greatly increase gold and silver for himself

Failed #2.

Why Lord forbid kings to multiply wives?

1. Turn hearts away from Him and erode integrity.
2. Make vulnerable.

Everyone thought of David as hero. Prov 16:18

Not hard to depend on God when going through tough times.

Not hard to be humble when in survival mode.

When everything going great – watch out.

Become vulnerable.

David in bed, not battle.

Swindoll: Our greatest battles don't usually come when we're working hard; they come when we have some leisure, when we've got time on our hands, when we're bored. That's when we make those fateful decisions that come back to haunt us.

David sends army to destroy Ammonites.

Rabbah: capital city, heavily fortified.

But David tarried still at Jerusalem. 6 of most tragic words in Bible.

Regardless of one's position, reputation or age--never immune to sin.

Sin not respecter of person, reputation or age.

Child of God never let guard down.

Sin always has consequences!

David didn't fall suddenly; some chinks had already begin to form in his spiritual armor.

When you, as child of God, think have it all together --look out! 1 Cor 10:12

While going through battle in spiritual lives--intense in desire to know Lord

When heat off--tendency to slack off.

2 Sam 11:2

Swindoll: At this point, David's life was like a neglected sea wall standing constantly against the barrage of the tide and the waves and the ever-pounding sea. Unguarded and in a weakened moment, it crumbled at his feet and he paid a terrible price.

Customary for Jews to take nap mid afternoon when hot.

After nap --relax in cool of evening flat-roofed terraces.

... **he saw ... beautiful to look upon.**

Beautiful beyond description.

What should David have done?

2 Tim 2:22 *Flee ...follow ...*

Psa 101:3 *...set no wicked thing before mine*

Psa 25:15 *Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD*

Psa 119:37 *Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; ...*

Job 31:1 *I made a covenant with mine eyes; ...*

David wrong to take second look. He looked and then he should've gotten out of there.

Progression:

1. Saw

2. Look upon.

Eve: Genesis 3:6

Achan: Joshua 7:21

Bathsheba not innocent. Not a victim!

1 Kings 1:13-17, 28 commitment that her son succeed him to throne.

Lessons:

Man: Flee ... guard thought-life,

Woman: Be modest...not defraud

Swindoll: *He forgot all the lessons he had learned during the days of his youth and during his fugitive years in the wilderness, he forgot God!*

Progression:

1. Observed.
2. Lusted After.
3. Investigated.

2 Sam 11:3 *And David sent and inquired after the woman.*

Servant issue subtle warning.

Father is Eliam, one of warriors in Israel;

Husband another member of 30

Granddaughter of Ahithophel

David, if ever you were to keep your hands off a woman, this is the time.

Not register with David.

God not real to him.

Relationship with God a thing of the past.

Typical of man in midst of passion.... No reason!

4. He Acted. He sinned!

2 Sam 11:4 *... and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her;*

Prov 9:17

Pleasure in illicit affair.

One-night stand

Heb 11:25 the pleasures of sin are for a season.

Gal 6:7-8 ..., *that shall he also reap.*

Satan never gives whole picture when tempting.

Shows beauty and fun and thrill

Satan smiles as you fall.

Only emotions he has -- hatred and devastation.

F.B. Meyer: *One brief spell of passionate indulgence, and then – his character blasted irretrievably; his peace vanished; the foundations of his kingdom imperiled; the Lord displeased; and great occasion given to his enemies to blaspheme!*

... purified from her uncleanness:

Amazing how religious immoral people can become. Lev. 15:18.

David disobeys two of God's commandments:

10th: *thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife and*

7th: *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

We strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.

Quick to behold mote in another eye, but fail to take into account beam in our eye. Mat 7:3

Ie. Prov 7:14 She approaches him with garb of religion.

...*David sent messengers, and took her*

Not private affair.

Teens: immoral acts never kept secret!

Adults: immoral acts never kept secret!

Numbers 32:23 ...*be sure your sin will find you out.*

2 Sam 11:5 *And the woman conceived,*

David, I'm pregnant!

2 choices:

1. Face it, acknowledge, confess ...take consequences...rebuild.

2. Lie, hide, cover.

Swindoll: *And let's not forget, his choosing to lie and deceive set in motion an endless series of heartaches within his immediate family in the years to come.*

What a fool he was to try and cover up his sin!

3. Investigated

4. Sinned!

5. Suffered

6. Lied

Later:

7. Exposed

8. Lost it all

We will see this next time.

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