

## David's Sin

### Hebrews 12:1:

*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.*

That great cloud of witnesses mentioned in the verse includes Abraham, Moses, Enoch, Noah, and David. We can be successful in our Christian walk because they were successful. They learned to lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily beset them. Moses was not a hero because he was perfect. Abraham wasn't a hero because he was perfect. They were heroes because when they messed up, they got back up, asked the Lord to forgive them, laid aside every weight and sin that so easily beset, and they continued to run with patience the race that was set before them.

Carnality is something that exists today among Christians. Most churches don't know what to do with carnal Christians. Most churches will say they were never saved in the first place or they lost their salvation; both are wrong. They are Christians and they are carnal.

### 1 Corinthians 3:1-3:

*And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, [even] as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able [to bear it], neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas [there is] among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*

A carnal person looks and acts just like a sinner because they're living by their flesh. There is no difference between Christian flesh and sinner flesh; it's still flesh. You cannot sanctify it. It died with Jesus, but when your flesh rises up, there is no way in the natural that flesh can clean flesh. It has to be by a walk in the Spirit. *Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh.* (Galatians 5:16) As believers, we have the new nature inside that we can walk by which enables us to overcome the deeds and the temptations of the flesh. But when we try to mortify the deeds of the flesh through the flesh, it will not work. It has to be through the Spirit.

As Christians, we are not mere men; we are Supermen! But whenever we're carnal, we look like Clark Kent. We look and act just like everyone else. You'd never know by looking at us that we are Spiritman, but we are. How do we get out of Clark Kent back to Superman? It's in the phone booth of 1 John 1:9. When we go there, we can walk into that place as a mere man, but we can come flying out because of the power of the Holy Spirit. When you're carnal, the Holy Spirit lives in you but He does not control you. We want the Holy Spirit that lives in us to also control us.

As an example, look at David because David was found in the list of the heroes of faith. David had to be one of the worst flops in the Old Testament, yet also one of the greatest successes. David knew the depths of sin, but he knew the height of glory also. If there's hope for David, there's hope for you. I like David, because it seemed like all of his problems are highly exaggerated compared to mine. To look at my problems in comparison to his problems, I have hope. None of you have marriage problems like David. You think you've had some bad experiences where you've hurt someone. You have yet to go into a town and because of one lie, you had a hundred priests slaughtered. That's what happened with David. Because of one lie he told, a hundred priests were slain by Saul, yet David went on to become a great king. He knew the power and the beauty of forgiveness. That's why he was a man after God's own heart.

How was it possible for David to be a man after God's own heart if he wasn't perfect? Because when David messed up, he was so quick to repent, quick to ask God to forgive him, and quick to lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily beset. David was also a man who didn't listen to what people said about him. When we mess up, people are so quick to tell us that we'll never be as good as we used to be. "You've sinned once, now you're out of it! A bird with a broken wing can never fly as high." That might be true in nature, but it's not true with God. Birds with broken wings can fly higher with God than they've ever flown before!

Some of you may think God is finished with you. I have a great test for you. Put your hand over your heart. If it's still beating, God's not finished with you. If you're still alive on this earth, He can pick you up, dust you off, and get you back in the race but you have to allow Him to. Notice, it's not up to God to lay aside the weight. It's up to us to lay aside the weight. Let *us* lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily beset.

When people refer to the sin of David, they automatically think of is his adulterous affair with Bathsheba. But where does the act of adultery begin? First Corinthians 3:3 says, "*For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*" We're so prone to look for the outward sins that we don't really stop to think about how outward sin *always* begins with inward sin. We get off the track just a little and the longer we continue without repenting, the further off track we get. No adulterer or adulteress suddenly committed adultery; they thought about it, meditated on it, entertained the idea, and committed adultery a hundred times in their mind before they ever committed the outward act.

A person that murders starts with hatred. They think about it, harbor it, meditate on it, and talk about it, and pretty soon they pull the trigger; but it doesn't start with the pulling of the trigger. The Lord said if you have ought against your brother in your heart, you've already murdered him. He says if you look on a woman to lust after her, you've already committed adultery. (Matthew 5) But we're finding out where the sin actually began with David and David is now facing the prosperity test.

When you come into the land and you've eaten good food, and you've built goodly houses and you've obtained great abundance, Deuteronomy 8 says not to forget the Lord your God. Often the prosperity test is more difficult than the poverty test. Have you successfully come through the poverty test? The prosperity test can sometimes be more difficult, because there's a tendency to get lazy when everything is going your way.

God blessed us with prosperity, but also tests us. James 1:13 says, "*Let no man say when he is tempted (tested) that I am tempted (tested) of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth (tests) he any man.*" God never tests man with evil. He only uses good things to test us.

God gave David the poverty test and he passed it with flying colors. Soon he was faced with the prosperity test. There was a time when David had nothing to his name. He started out as a shepherd boy and suddenly he was the armor bearer for the king. He gained popularity, possessions, strength, notoriety, and then suddenly he is fleeing through the desert from Saul. David ran for two years and lost everything. He was living in caves, chased by the army of Israel, and chased by the Philistines; but one day God gave him an army of four hundred of the worst men of his day — misfits, murderers, and escaped convicts — all running out there in the desert! David gathered them all together and from those four-hundred men, God made the finest fighting army of it's time! After the defeat of those opposing David, he became king of Israel.

First and Second Samuel reveal the contrast of battles in David's life.

**First Samuel:**

- *David fought to get to the throne.*
- *He fought with poverty*
- *He fought the pressures of Satan.*

**Second Samuel:**

- *David fought to stay on the throne*
- *He dealt with prosperity and got lazy*

David's sin of adultery with Bathsheba first began with laziness

**2 Samuel 11:1:**

*And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they [Joab and the army] destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.*

Here is the first key. The king was supposed to go to battle, but David didn't go. Instead, he sent Joab while he stayed home. David's sin was that he was geographically out of God's will. He stayed at Jerusalem and he should have gone to Rabbah.

In 2 Samuel 10:17 we discover that David *did* go into battle with his troops and fought against the Syrians. But by the time we reach 2 Samuel 11:1 he has made the decision to remain behind. His decision to stay at home sounds so innocent. In fact, he probably had some good *excuses* — not reasons, *excuses*.

"I'm tired. I think I'll just stay home this time. In fact, I'm going to catch up on my Bible reading and my prayer. After all, I just need some time. I think I'll just do that."

Have you ever dedicated a day to prayer and study and then didn't do it? Be honest. You ended up turning the television on in the morning just to catch a little bit of news and it stayed on for another hour and then some of those dumb soap operas came on.

You say, "Oh, I hate those things! Boy, I never knew they were so bad. I'm going to sit down here for a little while and see just how bad those things are."

Before you know it, it's rolled around to the five o'clock news and now you say, "Oh, we've got to see what all has happened today. Then, we have those shows coming on that we always watch." And by the end of the night you look back and what have you done? Nothing!

This is what David did. He decided to let Joab take the troops out so he could stay at home. So what appears to be just a little thing isn't so little. David is geographically out of God's will.

This is a warning for you. Once you open up the door a little bit for the devil; he'll take a mile. Sin is compounded upon sin. David doesn't just suddenly commit adultery with Bathsheba. It began in such a little way. Envy, strife, and division are what brought incest into the Corinthian church — inward sins.

Everybody probably justified David's actions. "Well, of course, David, you deserve a little time off."

There's a time for rest and relaxation, and we all need it, but David is just looking for an excuse *not to go* to battle. He got lazy and his excuse is just that—an excuse. He's not going to spend time with God. It's just excuse for his laziness and notice what happens.

## **2 Samuel 11:2:**

*And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.*

The sun set at eveningtide. What has David been doing all day? Sleeping! He probably thought, "*Just after lunch I'm going to take a nap,*" and around six o'clock he woke up. He's been in bed all day long and now he's fully awake.

The Bible says David *walked upon the roof of the king's house*. It is early evening, probably about six or seven o'clock. The sun is setting but still giving off light.

## **2 Samuel 11:2:**

*And from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.*

When the Bible says she's very beautiful, you *know* she's very beautiful! Your first thought might be, "Well, that hussy! Out there washing where all those people can see her!" But she had no idea David was home. She assumed he was with all the men who have gone to battle. Only women, children, and a few men were left behind and those men were guarding the gates of the city. It never entered her mind that the king would have stayed behind.

The king's house was probably located at the highest elevation in town so he could view the entire city from his rooftop. It was typical in that day for gardens to be located on the rooftops and it was where people would go to relax in the evening. That is the reason Peter was on the rooftop in the New Testament. Also, in Matthew 24:17-18,

the Bible warns those on the housetop to not take anything from their home, but to flee as quickly as possible during the reign of Antichrist.

The reason this lust was conceived in David's heart and he sent for Bathsheba was because of boredom. Boredom is a tool the devil can use against us. The New Testament tells us in Matthew 13:25, "*While men slept, the enemy came in and sowed tares.*"

David instructed his son, Solomon, in the book of Proverbs. Much of David's instruction to Solomon was from his own first-hand knowledge. David knew whereof he spoke and he warned his son about boredom. We need to guard against boredom in our own lives. Don't let boredom drive you to the streets. Don't let boredom drive you to lust. Instead, let boredom drive you to the Word. Boredom confronts all of us, but when you're bored, instead of following your flesh, pray and commune with God. What we choose to do about boredom is very important and during those times, it is important to focus on the things of God because the devil can use boredom as a tool against us.

### **Proverbs 7:7-8:**

*And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding. Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house.*

The word *simple* means *stupid*. Anyone who falls for adultery is stupid. It is said throughout the Book of Proverbs that anyone who commits adultery lacks understanding. If you are stupid, you don't know what you're doing.

Later in Proverbs 7 we are told, *A man that commits adultery doesn't understand what he's doing.* A man committing adultery is not like a man stealing a loaf of bread. He can pay back seven times after the bread is stolen and everything is forgotten, but when a person commits adultery, there is no way to pay that back. Job said, *I've made a covenant with my eyes ... why should I even look upon another.* Job is saying that adultery is a heinous crime. He said, "What would I do after I've committed adultery? Give my wife to him? Let him bow down over her?" Can you imagine how ludicrous this is? "I committed adultery with your wife; you can have mine for awhile?" There is no way to pay someone back for committing adultery with their spouse. Adultery is a tool of the devil to steal your prosperity. That's exactly what happened with David. He lost immense amounts of money over his affair with Bathsheba.

Proverbs 5 and 6 describe how the prosperity that God has brought will be lost in the houses of prostitutes if a person is not living by the Spirit of God. Man isn't strong enough in his flesh to only commit adultery one time and walk away from it. Only through repentance does an adulterer avail themselves to the power of God that enables them to turn from their sin. Flesh cannot clean up flesh. It takes the power of the Holy Spirit to break free from sin.

The young man in Proverbs 7:7-8 is walking through the streets because he is bored. His flesh leads him and he's driven toward the house of the prostitute and she is waiting for him. (Proverbs 7:10) This young man began with the intention of standing a couple of blocks off and just watching to see what was happening, but the prostitute met him and that's how he fell into the trap.

### **2 Samuel 11:2:**

*And it came to pass in an evening tide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.*

In 2 Samuel 11:1, David was disobedient to the will of God. Lust is now conceived in his heart. This is how sin is compounded upon sin. Every time David allows one sin in, he opens up the door for another one. The further he goes the worse it gets. However, at any time David could have asked the Lord to forgive him. David could have stopped right here when he first saw Bathsheba. David could have said, "What am I doing lusting after a woman? What am I even doing here looking at her? I've been sleeping all day. Why have I been sleeping all day? Well, I'm bored stiff. Why am I bored stiff? I should be out with the troops. Father, forgive me." At that point he could have jumped on his horse and ridden out to the troops. But he didn't because he had very little discipline. God would have probably chased him on the way out there and said, "Don't do it again." But the further David goes, the worse the discipline will become and the more he opens the door for the devil. His spirit will convict him. The Word will convict him. Later, some preachers will cause David to be convicted in his heart. Everywhere David turned there was

conviction. You can imagine David in our day. He turns on the radio; somebody's preaching at him. He turns on the television; somebody's preaching at him. He picks up a book and it's a message directed to him. He decides to go to the synagogue and the priests are preaching to him. It all began in such a small way.

## **2 Samuel 11:3:**

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

Now David has sexual desire. The lust was conceived in verse 2 and now the desire is arising in him and he's acting on that desire. It should have struck something in David's heart when he found out who she was and who she was married to. Uriah is one of David's most noble men in battle. Notice, he's a Hittite! The Hittites were at one time Israel's enemies. They once occupied the Promised Land and now we have a Hittite who has accepted the Lord and fallen in love with the nation of Israel. Uriah is one of Israel's most valiant, gallant men fighting for the nation of Israel and he is a Hittite—a man that stood out among all the men. Uriah was one of Israel's most well-known men and David now learns Bathsheba is his wife. He had no business tampering with that man's wife or any man's wife!

## **2 Samuel 11:4:**

*And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.*

Bathsheba was ripe for becoming pregnant and that's exactly what happened in the next verse.

## **2 Samuel 11:5:**

*And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.*

You would think that by now David would say, "Oh, my! Look what I have done. Bathsheba, I am so sorry. I'm going to make this thing right." Bathsheba has probably always looked up to King David as an example of God, a minister of God, and now because of David's decision, her image of him has fallen. She's probably feeling guilty herself. She's waiting for David to turn this situation around. After all, he's the spiritual leader. He's the king. She is probably waiting for David to come to her with an apology, "Bathsheba, I'm sorry. I'll tell you what. What I've done is wrong, but I'm going to make it up to you. I'm going to ask the Lord to forgive me. I'm going to pray with you right now. I'm going to ride out to battle and I'm going to tell Uriah and I don't care what Uriah does. If he wants to punch me out, let him; but I'm just going to level with him and tell him what I've done, ask for his forgiveness and your forgiveness." It would have been a whole lot better than what David is about to do.

David is going to try, through the energy of the flesh, to clean up what the flesh has done, and will fail. Flesh cannot clean up flesh. He is going to try through self-effort, through his own might, and through his own power to clean up his own life. But *it's not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord.* David's attempt to fix the problem will fail miserably.

## **2 Samuel 11:6-7:**

*And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.*

*And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.*

David is now a hypocrite. He's wearing a big facade to cover his sin. Uriah is fighting in Rabbah, which is a long way from Jerusalem. When he rode back from the battle, he was probably wondering why David wanted to see him and what was so important that he would pull Uriah from the midst of the to return home. When Uriah walked into the king's chamber, the first thing the king says is, "Hi, how are you doing?"

"Fine."

"How's Joab?"

"Fine."

"How's the battle doing?"

"Fine. Why did you bring me home out of the middle of battle?"

## **2 Samuel 11:8:**

*And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king.*

David is saying, "Uriah, I've looked through the records of all my troops, and you have stood out among all of them. I don't know why we haven't honored you before. You know, I was just thinking here. 'What could I do for Uriah? I know what I can do! I can give him a little rest and relaxation. I'll pull him out of battle and bring him home.' Uriah, I'm sorry we've never recognized you. You're such a great warrior, a great man, and brilliant in battle. In fact, I just want you to have some time off. Go home. Take your shoes off. Relax for a few days."

David actually wanted him to go to bed with his wife, Bathsheba, so her child in her womb will appear to be Uriah's. David doesn't care a thing about Bathsheba. He is trying to get himself off the hook. He doesn't care if she has to live with this guilt for the rest of her life. He just wants off the hook.

## **2 Samuel 11:9:**

*But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.*

If Uriah couldn't fight on the field, he was going to stay with the soldiers who were guarding the gates in Jerusalem. He didn't go home. Instead, he went to the entrance of the king's house and slept there.

## **2 Samuel 11:10-11:**

*And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house?*

*And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.*

David should have been pricked to the heart! He should have been under such conviction to hear a dedicated soldier say, "You brought me home. I thank you for that, King, but you asked me to go too far. To go home and to have a party while the troops are out there in the middle of the field, I won't do it! There's a time to come home and there's a time to see my wife, but while Judah is out there and all the troops are living in tents, you expect me to go into my house while they're eating rations? You expect me to party in my house? As the Lord liveth, I will not do this thing!"

David should have wept. He should have put his arm around Uriah and said, "Uriah, you're right. Let's ride out to battle. I should be out there too, and I've got something to confess to you on the way out there." It might have been difficult for David, but at least he would have started turning this thing around. But the further it goes, the harder it is for him to turn around.

## **2 Samuel 11:12-13:**

*And David said to Uriah, Tarry here today also, and tomorrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.*

*And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.*

David made Uriah drunk. David was trying to get him drunk so he would wander home. Even if he didn't go to bed with his wife, he'd never remember. David wanted to get him drunk, melancholy, sentimental, to think about his wife, forget about the fighting, and wander home. But Uriah didn't go home.

## **2 Samuel 11:14:**

*And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.*

Uriah was carrying his own death sentence and didn't even know it. He didn't open the letter during the trip from Jerusalem to Rabbah. He was such a dedicated soldier to his king and to his nation.

## **2 Samuel 11:15:**

*And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.*

David told Joab to inform all the other soldiers that they were to retreat, but to keep the information from Uriah. He instructed Joab to put Uriah in the very front of the battle where he wouldn't see what was happening behind him. Once everyone had retreated, Uriah would be left standing by himself and would die. Can you see what David has become? He's become a monster. Sin makes you a monster. Is David saved? Oh, yes, he's saved, but he is carnal.

## **2 Samuel 11:16-17:**

*And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were.*

*And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.*

David's plan failed. Others were killed besides Uriah. Many innocent people were killed because of David's sin. Your sin doesn't just affect you. Innocent people are hurt. David planned only for Uriah to die, but other innocent people were also killed because David's plan failed.

## **2 Samuel 11:18-12:**

*Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;*

*And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,*

*And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall?*

*Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.*

## **Judges 9:50-53:**

*Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it.*

*But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower.*

*And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire.*

*And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull.*

In war, as in court cases, many references are made to previous cases. Precedents are established. Many times a war is not launched until other wars similar to the war to be fought are studied to learn from past mistakes. This passage describes one of the most horrendous mistakes committed in Israel and it was known for years and years

to come. This is the time when Abimelech died in war. Abimelech was a man of war, a very valiant man of war, but Abimelech got too close to the wall. All the people were on top of the wall and instead of dying valiantly in battle, a woman killed him by dropping a rock on his head.

A millstone was something used in ancient times in the mornings to grind the wheat into flour to use that day. There were large millstones in the city, but the people also owned individual millstones for their homes. I'm sure it probably took this woman and a couple of other people to carry this thing to the wall, and when she got there, she looked down and saw Abimelech and just dropped it on him. Of all the valiant, honorable ways to die in battle, having a rock dropped on your head by a woman is not at the top of the list!

#### **Judges 9:54:**

*Then he [Abimelech] called hastily unto the young man his armour bearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.*

As much as Abimelech tried to change the situation, it didn't change. Even during the time of David, it was known that Abimelech died because a rock was dropped on his head.

Joab told the messenger to relay this to King David, "Our battle plan and the way Uriah and the others died in battle was a huge blunder! They were so near to the wall, they were killed by arrows."

He continued, "If the David's wrath arises and he relays the story of Abimelech being killed because a woman dropping a rock on his head, just tell him that his servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also."

Can you imagine what was going through this messenger's mind as he rode into Jerusalem? "What if I start to tell the king about Uriah and he's so enraged he kills me? What if I start to tell him about this story and he stands up and pounds the table and pulls a sword out and I say, 'But, sir, Uriah, ugh-h-h-h!'" This messenger has probably rehearsed this story a hundred times before he arrives in Jerusalem. Notice what he says in the next verse:

#### **2 Samuel 11:22-24:**

*So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for.*

*And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.*

*And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.*

The messenger quickly got the message in about Uriah dying. He didn't want the king to rise up and kill him out of wrath.

#### **2 Samuel 11:25:**

*Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.*

Who ever got so philosophical about losing your best men in battle? This is not the time to have the attitude of *you win some and you lose some*. David is a man of war. He hates mistakes. This shows us where David is spiritually. He doesn't care how many men died as long as one of them was Uriah.

David said, "You go back and pat Joab on the back and tell him the king's not upset. You win some; you lose some; but make the battle stronger against the city, overthrow it, and be encouraged."

When Bathsheba heard that her husband, Uriah, was dead, she mourned for him because she loved him. Even though she'd made a mistake, she loved her husband.

2 Samuel 11: 27

*And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.*

David had no love for Bathsheba; he only had lust. The entire situation began with lust. He couldn't have loved Bathsheba. He didn't even know her, and you cannot love what you do not know. He only had lust for her and their whole relationship was built around lust. I see too many women who are having affairs or contemplate having an affair all because some guy has spoken sweet words. Those women are foolish for getting involved in that type of relationship. David didn't care for Bathsheba, and when the pressure came, David dropped her and tried to cover his mistakes.

If a man only has lust for a woman, when the pressure is on, he will abruptly end his relationship with her because it is based only on his lust toward her. She's just a sex object to him, and that's all Bathsheba was to David. David did not have Uriah killed so he could marry Bathsheba. He had Uriah killed to save his own neck. He had to take in Bathsheba. He had no other choice. He had Uriah killed because if Uriah stayed out in the battle and came home a few months later and found his wife pregnant, he'd want to know how it all happened. David knew Bathsheba would probably tell the truth and David would be sunk, so he had to get rid of him. Once he got rid of him, he had to bring Bathsheba into the house to keep her from talking. David did all of this to cover his own mistakes.

No marriage ever had a worse beginning than David's and Bathsheba's, but God turned that bad marriage around into a successful marriage. Do you think your marriage is on the rocks? I'm sure it is nowhere near what David had, and if God could turn David's marriage around, He can turn your marriage around! They had no love. In fact, their relationship didn't start at ground level, it started below ground level. They hated each other. Think about the feelings that must have existed between them when Bathsheba moved into the palace. She was carrying David's baby because of an act of adultery. It caused her husband to be killed, and now had to be the wife of her husband's murderer. Yet, even as bad as their marriage began, God turned it around to where David and Bathsheba had a successful marriage and trained up Solomon in the ways of God. God blessed that marriage. Oh, the depths of the grace of God and the mercy of God, that He could take that situation and turn it around!

Why does the Bible go into such detail to tell that much about David's life? To let you know there's hope for you. When David finally came to himself, laid aside that weight and the sin that did so easily beset him—when he began to get back to where God wanted him to be, God turned his situation around. If God could do that for David, He can do it for you!

If you like this article, check out [New Believer's Pack](#) at the [BYM Store](#).

Copyright 2009 by Bob Yandian Ministries.  
Reproduction of this material in whole or part in any format without  
written permission is prohibited. All Rights Reserved.