



Living in the Victory God Gives (2 Sam 11-12)

Notes: Week Six

David and Bathsheba - [2 Samuel 11:1-27](#)

Topics: [Abandon](#), [Adultery](#), [Anger](#), [Authority](#), [Children](#), [Danger](#), [Death](#), [Deceit](#), [Dedication](#), [Devotion](#), [Dishonesty](#), [Drinking](#), [Encouragement](#), [Guilt](#), [Home](#), [Honor](#), [Hospitality](#), [Husbands](#), [Immorality](#), [Instructions](#), [Integrity](#), [Involvement](#), [Isolation](#), [Loyalty](#), [Lust](#), [Marriage](#), [Morality](#), [Motives](#), [Mourning](#), [Murder](#), [Neighbor](#), [Plans](#), [Power](#), [Remarriage](#), [Selfishness](#), [Sex](#), [Sin](#), [Temptation](#), [War](#), [Wives](#)

Open It

1. *In what ways do you agree or disagree with the adage "Power corrupts"?
2. Whom have you ever known who seemed so loyal and honest as to be "too good to be true"?

Explore It

3. Where was David while the Israelite army was engaged in battle against the Ammonites? ([11:1](#))
4. What did David observe one night from the roof of the palace? ([11:2](#))
5. *How did David misuse his authority as king in relation to the woman he observed? ([11:3-5](#))
6. After David found out Bathsheba was pregnant, what did he do next? ([11:6](#))
7. What was David's pretext for sending for Uriah from the battlefield? ([11:7](#))
8. Where did David send Uriah after he spoke with him? ([11:8](#))
9. Why didn't Uriah take David up on the invitation to go to his own home? ([11:9-11](#))
10. *What ploy did David try to get Uriah to go home to his wife? ([11:13](#))
11. When Uriah did not go home, what message did David send back with him to Joab? ([11:14-15](#))
12. What steps did Joab take to fulfill the king's wishes? ([11:16-17](#))
13. What special instructions did Joab give to the messenger in case David grew angry at the losses taken by the Israelites? ([11:18-21](#))
14. *How did David receive the news of the battle when he realized that his purposes had been accomplished with regard to Uriah? ([11:25](#))
15. How did Bathsheba react to the death of Uriah the Hittite? ([11:26](#))

16. How did David treat Bathsheba once her husband was out of the way? ([11:27](#))

17. How did God feel about what David had done? ([11:27](#))

Get It

18. *Why did David try everything within his power to get Uriah to sleep with his wife while he was home from the wars?

19. How did one sin lead to another and another in David's case?

20. What was the immediate human cost of David's lust and selfishness?

21. Why do you suppose Joab put a whole group of men in peril instead of following David's suggestion about abandoning Uriah?

22. If he had been thinking like a responsible leader, how should David have reacted to the losses Joab reported from the battle?

23. Why does one sin often lead to other sins?

24. *How does a position of authority exaggerate the human tendency to take what we want?

Apply It

25. How can you break the cycle the next time you find yourself committing one sin to cover up another?

26. *What can you do to maintain respect for people in the way you use power and authority?

27. In what area of your life would you like to develop an unwavering loyalty like Uriah's?

Nathan Rebukes David - [2 Samuel 12:1-31](#)

Topics: [Accountability](#), [Adultery](#), [Anger](#), [Atonement](#), [Children](#), [Death](#), [Evil](#), [Fasting](#), [Grief](#), [Injustice](#), [Judgment](#), [Murder](#), [Parents](#), [Persistence](#), [Poor](#), [Prayer](#), [Prophecy](#), [Repentance](#), [Selfishness](#), [Sickness](#), [Sin](#), [Victory](#), [Waiting](#), [Worship](#)

Open It

1. When was a time you were eventually thankful that someone didn't grant a request of yours?
2. *To what extent do you believe public officials should be accountable for their private behavior?

Explore It

3. In Nathan's story what was special about the ewe lamb belonging to the poor man? ([12:1-3](#))
4. What injustice was perpetrated by the rich man against the poor man in Nathan's story? ([12:4](#))
5. How did David react to Nathan's story? ([12:5-6](#))
6. *How did Nathan use the story to convict David? ([12:7-9](#))
7. What judgment did God pronounce on David through Nathan? ([12:10](#))
8. How did God say He would bring David's secret sin into the open? ([12:11-12](#))
9. What did David admit after Nathan had spoken? ([12:13](#))
10. *According to Nathan, what would be the consequences of David's sin? ([12:13-14](#))
11. What happened in David's family after Nathan left the palace? ([12:15](#))
12. What did David do in response to his son's illness? ([12:16-17](#))
13. Why were the servants afraid to tell David that David's child had died? ([12:18](#))
14. How did David find out that his son was dead? ([12:19](#))
15. *How did David act after he knew that God was not going to change His mind and allow the child to live? ([12:20](#))
16. How did David explain his sudden change of demeanor to the puzzled servants? ([12:21-23](#))
17. What was the name of the next child of David and Bathsheba? ([12:24-25](#))
18. How was Joab and the army of Israel faring in the war? ([12:26-27](#))
19. What message did Joab send from the front to his commander in chief? ([12:28](#))
20. What was the outcome of David's battle against Rabbah? ([12:29-31](#))

Get It

21. Why was the parable Nathan told to David so effective?
22. *In what sense did David "despise" God by taking Uriah's wife and having Uriah killed?
23. In what sense can a definite "no" from God in response to our request actually be a relief?
24. Why did God not strike David dead because of his sin?
25. *How did David's fasting and prayer before the child died show the quality of his relationship with God?
26. What did David mean when he said, "I will go to him, but he will not return to me"?
27. How can "getting on with our lives" after a crisis be an acknowledgement of the sovereignty of God?
28. Why is our sense of outrage easily sparked against strangers but difficult to muster in relation to our own actions?
29. Why does a good servant or employee let his or her superior take the credit for accomplishments he or she might have engineered?

Apply It

30. How can you develop an ear for parables so that you will recognize your situation when it is appropriate to do so?
31. *On what matter of concern can you plead for God's mercy while there is still a chance that God might grant it?
32. In what situation before you now should you step aside and let someone else have the glory?