

# Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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## THE LIFE OF DAVID DAVID'S SIN

**2 Samuel 11:1–27 (NIV)** *“1In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king’s men and the whole Israelite arm...But David remained in Jerusalem.*

*2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful 3 and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, ‘She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.’ 4 Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her...Then she went back home. 5 The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, ‘I am pregnant.’*

*6 So David sent this word to Joab ‘Send me Uriah the Hittite.’ And Joab sent him to David. 7 When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. 8 Then David said to Uriah, ‘Go down to your house and wash your feet.’ So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. 9 But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master’s servants and did not go down to his house.*

*10 David was told, ‘Uriah did not go home.’ So he asked Uriah, ‘Haven’t you just come from a military campaign? Why didn’t you go home?’*

*11 Uriah said to David, ‘The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and the king’s men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!’*

*12 Then David said to him, ‘Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.’ So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. 13 At David’s invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master’s servants; he did not go home.*

*14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. 15 In it he wrote, ‘Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die,’...*

*18 Joab sent David a full account of the battle. 19 He instructed the messenger: ‘When you have finished giving the king this account of the battle, 20 the king’s anger may flare up, and he may ask you, “Why did you get so close to the city to fight? Didn’t you know they would shoot arrows from the wall?” ...21 If he asks you this, then say to him, “Moreover, your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead.”’*

*22 And the messenger...told David everything Joab had sent him to say. He said...24 and some of the king’s men died. Moreover, your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead.”*

*25 David told the messenger, ‘Say this to Joab: “Don’t let this upset you; the sword devours one as well as another. Press the attack against the city and destroy it.” Say this to encourage Joab.’*

*26 When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. 27 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.”*

### HOW DID DAVID GET INTO THIS SITUATION?

1. David was disengaged from the battle.

**2 Samuel 11:1** *“In the times when kings go off to war...David stayed in Jerusalem.”*

**Galatians 5:16 (ESV)** “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

2. David put himself into a place where he could be tempted.

**Life Point:** It is easier to avoid temptation than it is to resist it.

3. David objectified Bathsheba.

**2 Samuel 11:3** “...David sent someone to find out about her. ‘She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.’”

“When you are at the mall and notice an attractive woman, look at her face and notice if she looks tired. If she’s carrying packages, consider who she might be carrying them for and think, ‘I bet she’s a great mom.’ Make her a person and give her a life... Ask yourself, ‘I wonder if she knows Jesus?’ and pray for her. Giving her a spirit will often dispel the temptation.” - **Doug Rosenau**

4. David abused his power.

**Life Point:** Sexual sin destroys lives.

**1 Kings 15:5 (ESV)** “because David did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and did not turn aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.”

**Psalm 51:1-19 (NLT)** “For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time Nathan the prophet came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba. 1 Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. 2 Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. 3 For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. 4 Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. 5 For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. 6 But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there. 7 Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. 8 Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice. 9 Don’t keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. 11 Do not banish me from your presence, and don’t take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. 13 Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you. 14 Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. 15 Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you. 16 You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. 17 The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God. 18 Look with favor on Zion and help her; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then you will be pleased with sacrifices offered in the right spirit— with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings. Then bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar.”