

## “The Rise and Fall of A Man After God’s Heart Part 2”

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The words of Solomon, David’s son...

*“At the window of my house I looked down through the lattice. I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who had no sense....With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk. All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life.” Prov. 7:6-23*

The Anatomy of a Downfall - 2 Samuel 11 - 12

*“Now then, my sons, listen to me; pay attention to what I say. Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths. Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng. Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death.” Prov. 7:24-27*

1. David stopped doing the **right things**.

*“In the Spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king’s men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.” Vs 11*

- Temptation to sin gains strength when you lose focus of what you should be doing.
- Idleness is a fertile environment for temptation to flourish.

2. David didn’t stop at the **first look**.

*“From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her.” Vs 3*

- Temptation is not sin. To pursue the temptation is the dangerous place.
- Even Jesus was tempted. Practice running away at first glance.

3. David’s wanted his sin more than he valued his **trusted relationships**.

*“Isn’t this Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? Then David sent messengers to get her...and he slept with her.” Vs 3-5*

*“These are the names of David’s mighty men...among the thirty were Uriah the Hittite.” 2 Sam. 23*

- When you choose sin, it blinds you of the value of other things.

- Sin will cause you to forfeit relationships in order to satisfy our own desires.

4. David had to **continue to sin** to keep his infidelity secret.

*“So David sent word to Joab, “Send me Uriah the Hittite...At David’s invitation, Uriah ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk...Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die.” Vs 6-25*

- Sin is never satisfied. One sin often leads to more and greater sins.
- If you have something to hide you are in trouble.

5. David, being **completely selfish**, did not consider the consequences for others.

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

- Sin always has a ripple effect. It will always affect more than just you.
- The ripple affect is always farther-reaching than you can imagine.

6. David accepted correction and **repented well**.

*“Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” 12:1-14*

- David was broken and repented of his sinful behavior. (Ps. 51)
- David received God’s grace and lived as a man after God’s own heart. (2 Sam. 22:22-25)
- Beware of the power of sin. Do the right things. Flee from the start!

*“My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you.*

*Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,” and to insight, “You are my relative.” They will keep you from the adulterous woman, from the wayward woman with her seductive words.” Prov. 7:1-5*