

# TANGLED IN DECEPTION

(2 Samuel 11:6-27)

1. **CONFESS** and **REPENT** *now* - not later! (1 John 1:9; Proverbs 28:13; James 5:16; Psalm 32:5; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Acts 3:19)
2. Acting like everything is **OK** when it's not **OK** is not **OK**. (James 4:17, 5:16; 1 John 1:8-10; Proverbs 10:9; Hebrews 3:13; Ephesians 4:32, 5:11)
3. 'Blessing' someone under **FALSE PRETENSES** is deceptive. (Proverbs 12:22; Colossians 3:9-10; Ephesians 4:25)
4. When being deceptive, we can bring others into our plot and cause them to **STUMBLE**. (Ephesians 5:18; Romans 14:13,19,21; Luke 17:1-4; 1 Corinthians 8:9,13; Proverbs 20:1; 1 Corinthians 12:2; Hebrews 10:24)
5. Duplicity causes us to **TURN** our **BACKS** on those who need us the most. (Proverbs 18:24; Psalm 55:12-14; Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Philippians 2:1-7; Romans 12:10; John 15:12; 1 Peter 4:8)
6. Living in deception leads to an ugly trail of **POOR DECISIONS**. (Proverbs 3:5-6, 14:12; Galatians 6:7-8; James 1:5; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 Chronicles 16:11)
7. The most egregious sin in all this is how we hurt the **HEART** of **GOD**. (Romans 3:23; Genesis 6:5-8; Ephesians 4:30-32; Isaiah 63:8-10)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Clearly, David fell - in many ways. What is the difference between *temptation* and *sin*? Is it a sin to be tempted? (Cite some verses of Scripture that back up your responses.)
3. When David talked to Uriah in verse 7, David *seemed* to be initiating nothing more than idle chit-chat, as if nothing was wrong. When we sin against someone, we can either deal with it or we can ignore it as if everything is (or will be) OK. Why is the latter response wrong? What damage can that cause? How should this initial conversation with Uriah have gone differently?
4. Why did David's first 2 attempts at covering up his sin not work? Why do we tend to try to cover up our sin or even blame someone else at times? Why is it wrong / futile / disastrous to try to hide or cover up our sin?
5. How does Uriah respond to David (vv.9-13)? How was David surprised? What do we learn about the character of Uriah, and how was it apparently different than David's in this account?
6. We have watched David slide from an exemplary, devoted follower of God to an adulterer and murderer. We discussed last week some things David should have done differently that could have prevented this. What in the life of a Christ-follower today causes/contributes to a "slow fade"? What steps can we take to maintain spiritual fervor and strength?