



## LESSONS FROM A KING *About*

# THE DECEPTIVENESS OF SIN

2 Samuel 11:2-17

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• God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with Pastor Joe's commentary in the smaller faced text.

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## A. MEET KING DAVID

1. David was a shepherd boy in Bethlehem who traded his pasture for a palace and became Israel's second king—the most honored in all the nation's history.
2. He reigned for 40 years.
3. As a warrior king, David tamed the Philistines who had plagued Israel for centuries and slew a giant named Goliath—among other great feats.
4. He was not entirely Jewish as his great-grandmother, Ruth, came from Jordan.
5. He was a musician, writing 75 of the 150 Psalms.
6. The prophet Samuel selected David to be Israel's king following the evil king, Saul-(Israel's first king.)
7. Before Saul died, jealousy drove him to kill David. Out of fear, David ran from Saul's army.
8. When Saul died, following a brief civil war, David was proclaimed king.
9. David made Jerusalem Israel's capital and unified the 12 Tribes of Israel.
10. David also brought the most sacred Jewish artifact, The Ark of the Covenant, to Jerusalem.
11. He was a flawed family man, having seven wives before he saw Bathsheba.
12. Though flawed, he trusted God and did his best to serve Him. He quickly repented and asked for forgiveness when he sinned, and he knew in his heart that God was the source of his greatness.

In his rise from shepherd boy to king, David exemplified a man of vision whose victories in the private moments prepared him for greatness in the public arena. The future king learned where God guides, God provides.

- Arthur Pink, *The Life of David*, vol. 2, p. 122.

## B. LESSONS FROM A KING ABOUT SIN

### 1. Sin will take you farther than you ever intended to go.

2 Samuel 11:2-3, NASB95 -<sup>2</sup> Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance. <sup>3</sup> So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

### 2. Sin will keep you longer than you ever intended to stay.

2 Samuel 11:4, NASB95 -<sup>4</sup> David sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, he slept with her...<sup>8</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and a present from the king was sent out after him. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house...." [Uriah said] "I will not do this!"

### 3. Sin will cost you more than you ever intended to pay.

2 Samuel 11:16-17, NASB95 -<sup>16</sup> So it was as Joab kept watch on the city, that he put Uriah at the place where he knew there were valiant men. <sup>17</sup> The men of the city went out and fought against Joab, and some of the people among David's servants fell; and Uriah the Hittite also died.

## C. FACING THIS GIANT

### Personal Application:

1. Everyone has sinned (Romans 3:23).
2. All sin is scandalous before a Holy God (Romans 1:18).
3. Our God will not compromise His holiness for anybody, anytime (Rev. 4:8).
4. You are free to make any decision you want to make, but you are not free to choose the consequences of that decision.
5. Repentance did not reverse the consequences of David's sin (2 Samuel 12:14).
6. All sin can be forgiven if confessed before God (1 John 1:9).

### Cultural Application:

1. Not following God's plan for the home is still a sin (Exodus 20:14).
2. Integrity is not natural (Galatians 5:16-21).
3. Biblical living is counter cultural (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).
4. Beware of power (James 4:4-10).
5. We must guard our hearts (1 Samuel 13:14).
6. **Sin is killing our world!**