

The Family Circus  
Week 4

2 Samuel 11:1 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.

**Sin will always be the root cause of our DYSFUNCTION.**

2 Sam 11:2-5 Late one afternoon, after his midday rest, David got out of bed and was walking on the roof of the palace. As he looked out over the city, he noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath. <sup>3</sup> He sent someone to find out who she was, and he was told, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." <sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her; and when she came to the palace, he slept with her. She had just completed the purification rites after having her menstrual period. Then she returned home. <sup>5</sup> Later, when Bathsheba discovered that she was pregnant, she sent David a message, saying, "I'm pregnant."

**When we sin we have 2 options:**

- 1. Face up to my sin, and seek forgiveness.**
- 2. Cover it up**

Proverbs 28: 13 People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

2 Samuel 12:11-14 "This is what the Lord says: Because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you. I will give your wives to another man before your very eyes, and he will go to bed with them in public view. <sup>12</sup> You did it secretly, but I will make this happen to you openly in the sight of all Israel."

<sup>13</sup> Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan replied, "Yes, but the Lord has forgiven you, and you won't die for this sin." <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, because you have shown utter contempt for the word of the Lord<sup>[a]</sup> by doing this, your child will die."

On your own time read 2 Samuel 13-16.

### UNRESOLVED PAIN DOESN'T GO AWAY IT GOES UNDERGROUND

The Parents cared more about the family's reputation, then they did about the welling being of their children.

Hosea 6:1-2 "Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces; now he will heal us. He has injured us; now he will bandage our wounds. <sup>2</sup> In just a short time he will restore us,

Jeremiah 17:14 O Lord, if you heal me, I will be truly healed; if you save me, I will be truly saved. My praises are for you alone!

Psalms 31:9, 14-15 9 Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief. 14 But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God." 15 My times are in your hands.

Psalms 61:1-4 1 Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. 2 From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. 3 For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. 4 I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.