

Study Guide

This weekend we are coming back to our series Unlikely Heroines which focuses on the women who appear in the lineage of Jesus Christ. This week our focus is the account of Bathsheba from 2 Samuel 11-12, and 1 Kings 1.

Getting into the text:

- 1) What was one point from the sermon this weekend that was especially meaningful to you? Why that point? Is there a way in which you can practically apply the principle to your everyday life?
- 2) How did this sermon/text help you to better understand the Gospel and what it means to keep the Gospel central to your life?
- 3) In 2 Samuel 11 we see a broken and unrestrained sexual ethic. In what ways do we see that exact dynamic present within our own culture? While the text is terse, Bathsheba is not presented as a willing participant in the sexual encounter with David. How does that shift the way we see this narrative as it unfolds?
- 4) In 2 Samuel 12 we see the repentance of David and the forgiveness of God. Even so, the results and consequences of David's sin remain. How does this inform the way in which we see our sin?

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- 5) While Bathsheba is presented as fairly powerless in 2 Samuel, in 1 Kings she is in a position to alter the direction of the entire nation of Israel. How does this show God's faithfulness to her? How does it show a reversal of fortune for her? What does Bathsheba have to teach us about perseverance in life?
- 6) Bathsheba goes from being a victim to being, as the sermon titles says, a king-maker. How is the providence of God seen in her life? How do we see God's directing all things to the good through these narratives?
- 7) What might this text be calling us to think, believe, desire, and do?