



The Purpose

From here to heaven... Following God wherever He leads us.

Commentary from a common Terry

The anatomy of unresolved guilt

King David was far from perfect. Maybe it was this awareness of his flaws and failures that drove him toward God so completely and humbly. But that isn’t a hundred percent true in the Davidic narrative in II Samuel. There is one instance when he did not turn to God quickly after his sin and did not deal with the guilt he carried. That guilt was burdensome, clouding his brain.

You know the David & Bathsheba saga in II Samuel 11. David was a warrior, but, for whatever reason, in the spring of one particular year, he did not go into battle even though it was... *the time when kings go out to battle*. Instead, David sent his top general, Joab, to lead the army into battle against the Ammonites. *But David remained at Jerusalem.* II Samuel 11:1

I don’t intend to overextend the possibility that David was particularly susceptible to temptation because he wasn’t about what he was usually about, but God’s inspired Word made it a point to make sure we know David *was not* on the battlefield, even though it was the season for kings to go into battle. Instead, he idled away in Jerusalem, moving from the couch to a walk on the roof.

From there, he saw a beautiful woman bathing. His high vantage point allowed him to see into the private area of her residence. Her name was Bathsheba. The narrative in II Samuel is brief and direct in what results from this:

- He found out who she was.
- He sent for her.
- He had sex with her (was she a ready participant or did he leave her no choice, seeing as how he is the king? We don’t know).
- But we do know this—David used the kingly authority and power *God gave him* to do this.
- She became pregnant.
- David sent for her husband, Uriah, and brought him home from the battlefield.
- David tried, twice, to get Uriah to go to his house and spend time with his wife, hoping that people would then believe the child she carried was her husband’s.
- Uriah proved more honorable than King David as he would not do this while his fellow warriors were still at the front.

- David sent him back to Joab carrying his own letter of death.
- David instructed Joab to put Uriah on the front-line and then pull all support away from him, guaranteeing that he would be killed.
- Bathsheba lamented and mourned the death of her husband.
- But, now that she was a widow (at the hands of the king), David could marry her. Which he did.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD. II Samuel 11:27

Time elapses quickly at the end of II Samuel 11 as David marries Bathsheba and she then has a son. The next chapter continues the story.

It’s usually bad news when a prophet shows up in the Old Testament narrative. He is carrying a message from God, sometimes harsh and filled with warning. Nathan enters the scenario at the beginning of II Samuel because God... *sent (him) to David*. David had broken three specific commandments in the Bathsheba affair (pun intended).

- The 10th commandment—do not covet another man’s wife.
- The 7th commandment—do not commit adultery.
- The 6th commandment—do not murder.

David had not confessed his sins. He had not admitted his guilt. He buried it. In the conversation he has with Nathan, his clouded judgment, perhaps impacted by his own weight of guilt, comes to the surface.

Unresolved guilt affects us. It can bring about mood swings, anger, unfair harsh judgment toward others, depression, and even harm our health. Our emotions become a jumbled mess and our usually clear-headed thinking becomes anything but clear.

The Nathan and David confrontation next week.

Love one another,

Terry

Young At Heart luncheon
next Sunday, August 16th

We will have our next *Young At Heart* luncheon next Sunday, August 16th, after our morning classes. We usually have everything ready to eat between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m. The main dish is provided—pork loin! You are encouraged to bring a side dish, salad, and/or dessert. We hope you’ll join us!

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are thankful you are with us today as we worship our God and Savior. Our prayer is that you will encounter Him today.

A nursery for small children is available in the east hall off the lobby.

What will you experience at Westview?

- **Praise through song.** It is the tradition of our heritage to sing a cappella (without instruments) as we encourage everyone to be involved in uplifting praise.
- We value the **Bible**. You will hear God’s Word read and all sermons will give the utmost respect and priority to Scripture.
- We share the **Lord’s Supper** every week remembering Christ’s sacrifice that provides us forgiveness as we celebrate our salvation through Him.
- **We do not expect our guests to give financially** to our work. We depend on the generous and godly giving of all Westview members to provide the funds needed to implement God’s plans for this church.

We invite you to stay for Bible classes following our worship time. We hope you have been blessed today!

Of the Seven Deadly Sins, anger is possibly the most fun. To lick your wounds, to smack your lips over grievances long past... to savor to the last toothsome morsel both the pain you are given and the pain you are giving back—in many ways it is a feast fit for a king. The chief drawback is that what you are wolfing down is yourself. The skeleton at the feast is you.

~~Frederick Buechner~~
(20th—21st century American theologian)

Today’s Order of Worship

Step By Step
What a Mighty God We Serve

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

Glorify the Lord With Me

Prayer

Holy Ground medley

Scripture Reading:
Romans 7:21-25

Sermon

The Invasion:
Heel over head...What?

Blessed Assurance

Just As I Am

We Remember Christ’s Sacrifice

Contribution Collected
God Will Make a Way

Elder blessing/prayer

Standing On the Promises

Unison Reading:
I Chronicles 29:10-11

This Is My Father’s World

Events, opportunities, and reminders:

School Supplies/Backpacks *Thank You* :

A big thank you to Westview as you again have fulfilled our commitment to provide the children of the *Greeley Family House* with what is needed to begin the school year. Because of your love and help, the seventeen school age children currently living in the *GFH* are able to enter the school year with new backpacks and all the school supplies they need. Thank you, Chelsea and Carley, for organizing this outreach.

Young Families Discovery group meets next Sunday afternoon

The Young Families Discovery Group will meet next Sunday afternoon, the 16th, at 5 p.m. in the fellowship room. The menu is Taco Salad. Check with Cory & Katie for more information.

The Kitchen is OPEN this week, August 12th

The Kitchen will be **OPEN** this Wednesday, the 12th, at the building as we will prepare burritos and take them to the homeless shelter for distribution. We start at 11 a.m.

Band of Brothers weekend—Sept. 10th-13th; see Doug Blount for details

Tuesday night singing with the worship leaders—7 p.m. at the building

Leonard Thompson memorial—Wednesday, August 19th, at 11 a.m. at Westview (Information about the meal we will serve will be sent this week. Watch your email.)

Sunday morning classes: The fellowship room class is a verse-by-verse textual study, led by Randy McCrain and Tom Lininger. The class is studying the book of *Hebrews*, taught by Randy.

Terry’s class, which meets in room #14, is entitled *The Fortress*. It is based on Psalm 18. Can we actually *experience* the power and protection and guidance of God, moving forward and growing in our faith?

The kids’ worship handout is on the table at the back of the auditorium.

Servers for Worship today (9th)

Scripture Reading James Pascoe
Prayer Tom Odle
Doug Schwartz (communion prayers)
Steve Sebold (contribution prayers)
Zachary Blount
Ken Clark
Dan Esposito
Chad Goodwin



The Westview Men’s Coffee is every Tuesday morning from 6 to 8 a.m. in the fellowship room.

The Westview Women’s Coffee is every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. in the fellowship room.

The AUGUST handout for Bible study plans and strategies is on the counter in the lobby.

The Wednesday night study group meets at 6:30 in the fellowship room (studying Colossians).

We will have a congregational meal on Sunday, August 30th, at the building. We’ll begin at 5:30 p.m. Details about the menu will come later in the month.



Prayer reminders

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

We do not include personal information, such as the prayer list in our online bulletin. If you would like that information, it is available in the hard copy bulletin at the building. Or, you can contact the church office to receive a copy.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

8/10 – Johnny Locke
8/12 – Steve & Rena Sebold
8/14 – Kim Hegarty
8/14 – Serenity Moore
8/15 – Manuela Sanchez