

The Christmas Tree

“Bathsheba”

TALKING ABOUT THE FAMILY TREE OF JESUS!

TRUE JEWISH GENEALOGY: Should have followed Just the men.
Matthew was Speaking to a Jewish audience

- Jesus needed to be tied to Abraham and David for any credibility.
- Messiah had been Promised from the line of David.

Jesus didn't just come FOR sin....he came FROM sin, though he never sinned!

TODAY: Bathsheba

Matt 1:6 and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

- They don't even say her name!!
- Let's find out who she is!!

2 Samuel 23 lists 37 soldiers known as David's Mighty Men!

- Verse 34 lists Eliam son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,
- Verse 39 lists Uriah the Hittite.

SO BATHSHEBA WAS A FROM A MILITARY FAMILY!

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-just like most major mistakes.....it didn't just HAPPEN all at once!

There were a series of poor decisions that led to this major one!!!

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And a simple turn of David's head in her direction was all that was necessary to bring David to a moral cross roads of life.

WHAT MADE THIS SENSITIVE HEARTED MAN DO SUCH A THING!!

-He was a brilliant leader.....he must have thought it through!

He must have known that this bad decision could wreak all kinds of havoc in his own life.

BUT SOMEHOW HE CONVINCED HIMSELF TO TAKE THE CHANCE!!!

There is no way he could do this w/o anyone knowing.....

And David collapses. He makes the wrong choice.

SO NOW HE HAS BLOWN IT!!!!!!!

EVER BEEN THERE?

You have a choice.....turn it around or make it worse!

*He had a sensitive heart and I am sure he felt terrible for what he had done.....

**But, he could have dealt with the guilt and apologized to God and Bathsheba.....

BUT THEN.....

2 Samuel 11:5 The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

His MISTAKE had already occurred.....probably a month or two earlier....
NOW.....DAVID IS AT YET ANOTHER MORAL CROSSROADS!!!

-admit his guilt and make it right....or cover it up!

David chose to cover up his sin!

COVER UP PLAN 1: Get Uriah home to see Bathsheba!

2 Samuel 11:6-8 So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. ⁷ When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. ⁸ Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him.

-SO.....How is Joab? How are the soldiers? How is the war going?
-Maybe you should go to your HOUSE and "Wash your feet"

EVIL PLAN #1: Have Uriah spend some quality time with his wife!

-Gift basket

2 Samuel 11:9-11 But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰ When David was told, "Uriah did not go home," he asked him, "Haven't you just come from a distance? Why didn't you go home?" ¹¹ Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my master Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open fields. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and lie with my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"

COVER UP PLAN 2: Get him drunk!

2 Samuel 11:12-13 Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³ At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home.

COVER UP PLAN 3: Murder!

2 Samuel 11:14-17 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵ In it he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die." ¹⁶ So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. ¹⁷ When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.

THUS IS AN "UGLY" STORY!!!

COVER UP PLAN 4: Be the hero!

2 Samuel 11:26-27 When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. ²⁷ After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.

-Time of Mourning was 7 days

WHAT KIND OF TERRIBLE MAN COULD DO ALL THIS!!!!

COVER UP IS EXHAUSTING!!!!

David- instead of correcting his mistake.....compounded it and made it multiple times more difficult!

DAVID WAS CONFRONTED BY A PRIEST NAMED NATHAN.....

CONSEQUENCES!!!!!!!!!!!!

2 Samuel 12:10-14 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own. ¹¹ "This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. ¹² You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.' "

¹³ Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. ¹⁴ But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die."

DAVID'S SIN HAD GREAT CONSEQUENCES!

- The baby dies
- There is turmoil and rivalry in David's household
- One of David's sons AMNON raped a step-sister TAMAR
- TAMAR's brother ABSOLOM kills AMNON!
- ABSOLOM Conspires to take the throne from DAVID
- DAVID is exiled!
- ABSOLOM sleeps with David's wives in public to disgrace him!
- ABSOLOM was killed in the take over

***David's paid a serious price for a few moments of pleasure!!**

THE MAIN POINT OF THIS ENTIRE SERMON.....

THEN.....DAVID HAS ANOTHER CHILD WITH BATHSHEBA.....

-SOLOMON IS BORN!!!

LET'S LOOK AT THE END OF DAVID'S LIFE:

2 Samuel 22 David is near death and reminisces about his life!

- he has been plagued with turmoil and calamity!
- YOU JUST HEARD HIS STORIES!!!!

2 Samuel 22:22-25

- ²² For I have kept the ways of the LORD;
I have not done evil by turning from my God.**
- ²³ All his laws are before me;
I have not turned away from his decrees.**
- ²⁴ I have been blameless before him
and have kept myself from sin.**
- ²⁵ The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness,
according to my cleanness in his sight.**

**HE was a Liar, a cheater....an adulterer.....a murderer,
a conspiracy filled political scoundrel!!!!!!**

- 1) He let his guard down in prosperity
- 2) He toyed with temptation
- 3) He rationalized his behavior

- 4) He followed through with his decision to fail!
- 5) He got Bathsheba pregnant
- 6) He tried to cover it all up
- 7) He murdered his mistress's husband
- 8) He made himself look like the sympathetic hero

WHAT A JERK.....

THAT JERK UNDERSTOOD GOD'S GRACE MORE THAN ANYONE!!!

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VERSE 13 "The LORD has taken away your sin."

Psalm 103:8-11 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; ¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Remember 2 Samuel 22:25 ²⁵ The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight.

ALTAR:

- 1) You are toying with temptation
You have rationalized your behavior
- 2) You need to DEAL with your mistakes!

-wisdom to make the right decisions.....
- 3) You want to understand forgiveness like David!