

# The Life Of David Part 4 HANDOUT

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## 1. The Subtle Drift into Sin

**2 Samuel 11:1–5** <sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, <sup>3</sup>and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." <sup>4</sup>Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. <sup>5</sup>The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

- When it comes to spiritual attacks, it's not when I'm busy, it's when I'm bored that the attacks come.

**KEY:** Sin often starts not with rebellion, but with **complacency**.

When we step out of our calling, we step into vulnerability.

## 2. The Destructive Nature of Cover-Up

**2 Samuel 11:6–17** <sup>6</sup>So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. <sup>7</sup>When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house...

<sup>14</sup>In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. <sup>15</sup>In it he wrote, "Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

<sup>16</sup>So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. <sup>17</sup>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.

**David's sin is exposed by Uriah's righteousness.**

**KEY:** When we try to **hide our sin**, we dig a deeper hole.

God doesn't reveal our sin to shame us—He reveals it to **heal us**.

### **3. The Grace of Confrontation** - now a year later...

**2 Samuel 12:1–13** <sup>1</sup>The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

<sup>4</sup>“Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

<sup>5</sup>David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! <sup>6</sup>He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man!...

<sup>13</sup>Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

- We are blind to our own sin, but when we see our sin on someone else, it looks horrible.
- Secret sin on earth is an open scandal in Heaven. God sees it all, nothing surprises Him.
- David says: “I have sinned against the Lord.” (v.13)

**That's repentance.** Not blame-shifting. Not minimizing. Just honesty before God.

**KEY:** Repentance is not just about being sorry—it's about **returning to God**.

### **4. The God Who Redeems Broken Stories (2 Samuel 12:13–25)**

Yes, David repented...Yes, God forgave him. **But sin still has consequences.**

Sin always leaves scars—but **grace writes the final chapter**.

**KEY:** God's grace doesn't erase the consequences, but it **redeems the story**.

**LIFE POINT:** You're never too far gone for God's grace—but you're never strong enough to manage sin on your own.