



After God's Heart

The Life of David





Punchline

Sin grows when we feed it, justify it, try cover it up



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.

2 Samuel 11: 1 NIV

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

2 Samuel 11: 2 NIV

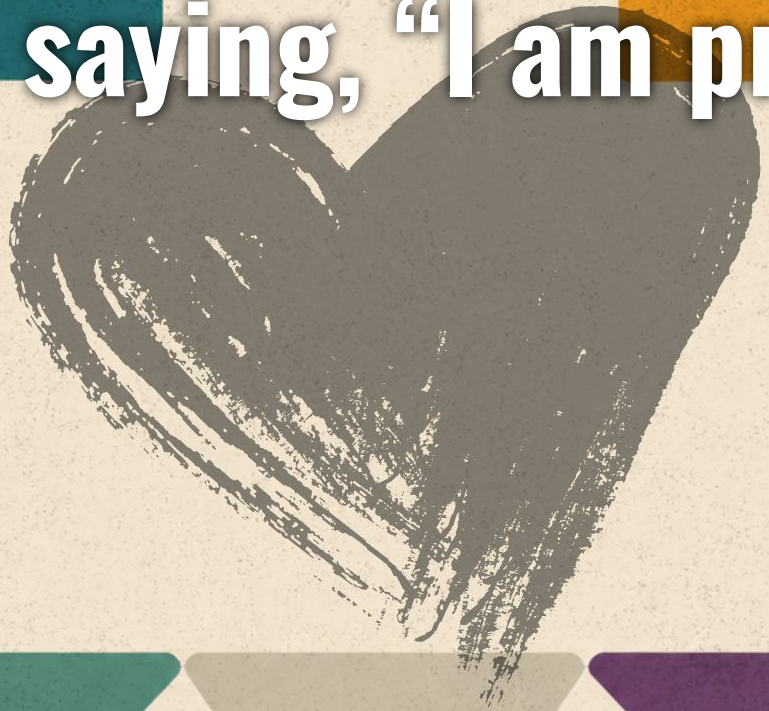
And David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.”

2 Samuel 11: 3 NIV

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.

2 Samuel 11: 4 NIV

The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, “I am pregnant.”



2 Samuel 11: 5 NIV

David and Bathsheba

- David sees a beautiful woman bathing
- David finds out about her
- David has her brought to him
- David is the father of her child


I'll only
have a
couple....

Desires of the Flesh

- Galatians 5: 19-21
  - Sexual immorality
  - Envy
  - Dissension and factions

So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David.

2 Samuel 11: 6 NIV

When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going.

2 Samuel 11: 7 NIV

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.

2 Samuel 11: 8 NIV

But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

2 Samuel 11: 9 NIV

David was told, “Uriah did not go home.” So he asked Uriah, “Haven’t you just come from a military campaign? Why didn’t you go home?”

2 Samuel 11: 10 NIV

Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord’s men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!”

2 Samuel 11: 11 NIV

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.

2 Samuel 11: 12 NIV

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.

2 Samuel 11: 13 NIV

The Cover Up

- David wants Uriah to go back to his house and sleep with his wife
- Uriah stays at the palace and sleeps outside
- David tries again, by getting Uriah drunk, and Uriah again stays at the palace

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah.



2 Samuel 11: 14 NIV

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.”

2 Samuel 11: 15 NIV

So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were.

2 Samuel 11: 16 NIV

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.

2 Samuel 11: 17 NIV

Joab sent David a full account of the battle.



2 Samuel 11: 18 NIV

He instructed the messenger: “When you have finished giving the king this account of the battle,

2 Samuel 11: 19 NIV

The king's anger may flare up, and he may ask you, 'Why did you get so close to the city to fight? Didn't you know they would shoot arrows from the wall?

2 Samuel 11: 20 NIV

Who killed Abimelek son of Jerub-Besheth? Didn't a woman drop an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died in Thebez? Why did you get so close to the wall?' If he asks you this, then say to him, 'Moreover, your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead.'"

2 Samuel 11: 21 NIV

The messenger set out, and when he arrived he told David everything Joab had sent him to say.

2 Samuel 11: 22 NIV

The messenger said to David, “The men overpowered us and came out against us in the open, but we drove them back to the entrance of the city gate.

2 Samuel 11: 23 NIV

Then the archers shot arrows at your servants from the wall, and some of the king's men died. Moreover, your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead."

2 Samuel 11: 24 NIV

David told the messenger, “Say this to Joab: ‘Don’t let this upset you; the sword devours one as well as another. Press the attack against the city and destroy it.’ Say this to encourage Joab.”

2 Samuel 11: 25 NIV

David Has Uriah Killed

- David wants Uriah put on the front line and have the other troops pulled back
- Uriah and others are killed in battle
- David had Uriah killed to make the fact he slept with Uriah's wife, while Uriah was alive, go away


NOT MY
FAULT

Fleshy Response: Justify

- Make ourselves feel less responsible
  - With our circumstances
  - By downplaying our sin


JUST
TOUCH IT
UP

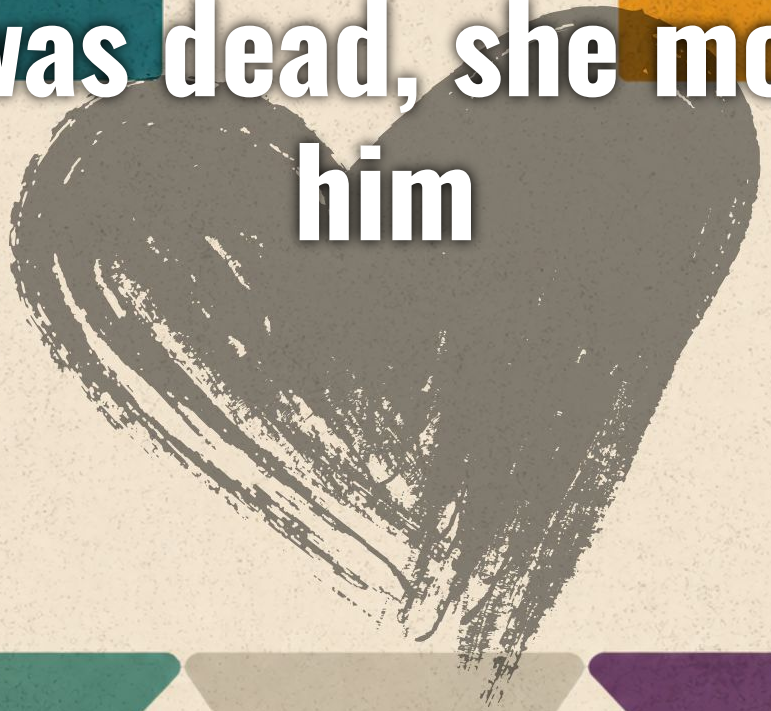
Fleshy Response: Cover Up

- Keep others from seeing our responsibility
  - Who pays the price when I don't take responsibility?
  - What does that do to them?

Fleshy Response: Cover Up

- When we refuse to confess we add more sin to the damage we've already done
- Jesus paid for what we did - stop trying to cover it up

When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him



2 Samuel 11: 26 NIV

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.

2 Samuel 11: 27 NIV

Our Sin

- See our sin
- Bring our sin to God
- Don’t add to our sin

