

David's Sin  
2 Samuel 11:1-27  
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Summary: With the kingdom of David having been established in remarkable victory, David had risen to glorious success crowned with comfort, ease and prosperity. It was here that David was captured by lust when facing temptation. Great power corrupts greatly. The hypocrisy, the hardening and the rationalism could not cover up the severity of his sin. And yet, where sin abounds, the grace of Christ much more abounds. All of us are helpless sinners, but we can be forgiven and transformed by the blood of Christ.

1. a. For the sake of context, describe what things were like for David at this stage of his life. (2Sam. 8:1-10, 8:13-15, 10:17-19).
  
- b. What happened to David the mighty conqueror? (2Sam. 11:1-5).
  
- c. David who conquered so many was himself captured by lust. But before we point the finger, what about us? Is not accomplishment and success sometimes our own worst enemy for the cause of Christ? How might we address this "human element" that we so often face? (James 1:13-16, Psalm 119:9-11, Proverbs 3:5-7, John 15:4-5, 1Corinthians 10:12-13).
  
2. a. In comparison, let's consider Joseph. How did he handle temptation when faced with it "day after day?" (Genesis 39:1-12).
  
- b. What do you think gave Joseph the victory when faced with such temptation? What was the focus of his life affecting his decisions? (Gen. 39:9).
  
- c. Consider the difference. David "saw...sent... and took," having been focused on the flesh. But Joseph saw, *thought* and "**fled**," being focused on the greatness of God. How can we learn from this? (Psalm 90:1-12, Romans 12:1-3, 1Cor. 6:18-20).
  
3. a. How does David attempt to cover up the sin of his adultery? (2Sam. 11:6-8).

- b. What quality of a man was Uriah, and how did David treat him? Why? (2Sam. 11:9-17).
- c. Uriah was a capable, valiant soldier of sacrificial commitment to his task and to David. His selfless diligence should have broken the heart of David, but instead David's heart was hardened enough to have him killed. How ugly was the hypocrisy of David's cover up! And yet, is there hypocrisy in your life? Are you hardened by sin?
4. a. How does David rationalize his murder of a great man? (2Sam. 11:18-25).
- b. David appears to get away with his sin. How do we know this was not the case? (2Sam. 11:26-27).
- c. What has God provided for us, as sinners? (Psalm 130:3-4, Rom. 5:8, 8:1-4).