

The \_\_\_\_\_ for David and Bathsheba

**2 Samuel 11:1-4** - In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup> And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" <sup>4</sup> So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house.

1. David and Bathsheba both weren't where they were supposed to be doing what they were supposed to be doing - \_\_\_\_\_
2. David and Bathsheba both took steps in the wrong direction, steps toward each other - \_\_\_\_\_
3. David and Bathsheba both willingly took part in adulterous affair – \_\_\_\_\_

Deal or Denial - **1 Corinthians 11:31-32** - But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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**2 Samuel 11:5** - And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

1. It is not surprising that people who have sex get pregnant, so it was not surprising that Bathsheba got pregnant
2. Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, was at war so he couldn't be the father
3. This was going to be humiliating for David and demoralizing for the nation so rationalizing began.

Confess or Cover-up - **Proverbs 28:13** - Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

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**2 Samuel 11:6** - So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.

1. David and Bathsheba could be honorable & honest with Uriah
2. David and Bathsheba could be dishonest & dishonorable with Uriah

They chose to exalt him deceptively - **2 Samuel 11:8-9** - Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

They chose to intoxicate him personally - **2 Samuel 11:13** - And David invited him, and he ate in his presence and drank, so that he made him drunk. And in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

They chose to kill him maliciously – **2 Samuel 11:14-15** - In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die."

Right before man or right before God - **2 Samuel 11:27** - And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

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There is conviction of sin - **2 Samuel 12:7a & 9** - Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel...

<sup>9</sup> *Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.*

There is confession of sin - **2 Samuel 12:13** - *David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.*

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1. There is the physical chastisement - **Psalm 32:3**
2. There is the psychological chastisement - **Psalm 32:4**
3. There is the personal chastisement – See **2 Samuel 12:10-12**

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1. The what of their comeback
  - a. The comeback of their family - **2 Samuel 12:24–25** - *Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the LORD loved him <sup>25</sup> and sent a message by Nathan the prophet. So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.*
  - b. The comeback of their kingdom - **2 Samuel 19:8** - *Then the king arose and took his seat in the gate. And the people were all told, “Behold, the king is sitting in the gate.” And all the people came before the king. Now Israel had fled every man to his own home.*
2. The how of their comeback
  - a. Acceptance of the fact of chastisement - **2 Samuel 12:10-12**
  - b. Acceptance of responsibility before God - **Psalm 51:3-4**
  - c. Acceptance of God’s firm hand - **2 Samuel 12:22–23**
  - d. Acceptance of the humiliation from failure - **2 Samuel 16:11-12**

