

Series: DAVID: Portrait of a King

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Message: Anything but Perfect!

Text: 2 Samuel 11:1-27

DIGGING DEEPER GUIDE

BIG IDEA: RECOGNIZE WHEN YOU ARE VULNERABLE TO TEMPTATION

Getting Started

As a kid, what was the worst trouble you ever got into? What happened as a result?

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. What happens to David's judgment and wisdom in this passage?
2. At what point did David first cross the line and sin? How did one sin lead to another?
3. How do you feel about King David after reading this story?
4. *"Our greatest battles don't usually come when we are working hard; they come when we have some leisure, when we've got time on our hands, when we're bored."* Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?
5. When do you find yourself most vulnerable to temptation?

6. What have you found to be a helpful strategy for resisting temptation?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind today?

Prayer: Jesus, thank you for being with us at every moment of our lives, the highs and the lows. Give us the wisdom to recognize and the strength to resist temptation in every form it comes. Thank you for the gift of your grace and forgiveness that is always available to us. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

Going Deeper: Take a few minutes to read 2 Samuel, chapters 11-12. Notice how God uses the prophet Nathan to confront David of his sin. Who are the people in your life that are willing to tell you the truth, even if it isn't easy to hear? How do you generally respond to correction? Could this be a way that God gets your attention?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

"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...but David remained in Jerusalem. One evening David got up from his bed and walked around the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her..." 2 Samuel 11:1-3

"No one who does wrong should ever say, 'God is tempting me.' God is never tempted to do wrong, but he never tempts anyone else either. Temptation comes from the lure of our own evil desires. These evil desires lead to evil actions, and evil actions lead to death. So don't be misled..." James 1:13-16