

II Samuel 11

The fall of a godly king

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Introduction

- David had an outgoing personality that brimmed with joy, enthusiasm, and confidence, and overflowed with charisma.
- Five steps marking the king's decline DREERD
- Holiness is our hope and our strength.

The 5 steps downward

- D : desensitization
- R : relaxation
- E : eclipse
- R : rationalization
- D : degeneration

Desensitization

David took more concubines and wives in Jerusalem (II Sam 5:13)

- Dt 17:14-17 indicated this was a bad idea for kings.

Relaxation

Another flaw in David's character that led him to this moral disaster was taking a break from his work while others were doing his job.

Eclipse

The woman was very beautiful and David was fixated on her.

Rationalization

The servant was trying to prevent king David from doing something regrettable by saying:

- Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

Degeneration

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

David had stepped off of the precipice and was now falling.

Holiness

Lev 19:2 You shall be holy for I am holy.

Gen 39:9 Joseph was aware of God's presence and resisted temptation.

II Tim 2:20-23 Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness ...

I Thes 4:3-8 This is the will of God, your sanctification

Rom 6:11 Reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus our lord.

Summary

In David's case, a simple but sinful look led to adultery, lying, murder, family degeneration, and national decline.

Your sin may not appear to have such catastrophic outward consequences, but don't be fooled—your purity is not something to be lightly esteemed.