

**SAFEGUARDING OUR HEARTS**  
**Or, What David Should Have Done!**  
2 Samuel 10-12

**I. David’s Sin With Bathsheba**

A. The Setting

1. Wide Context: The Story of David the King (1-2 Samuel)

- a. David’s Rise (1 Samuel 16 – 2 Samuel 5:5)
- b. David’s Reign (2 Samuel 5:6 – 1 Kings 2)
  - 1) Establishing the Kingdom (2 Sam. 5:5 – 8:17)
  - 2) Court History (2 Sam. 9 – 20)
  - 3) Epilogue (2 Sam 21 – 1 Kings 2)

2. Near Context: The Ammonite War (2 Sam. 10-12)

- a. The Ammonites humiliate David’s delegation (2 Sam. 10:1-5)
- b. The Ammonites and their Aramean allies flee from Joab (10:6-14)
- c. David defeats the Arameans (10:15-19)
- d. Joab/David defeat the Ammonites and capture Rabbah (12:26-31)

3. The immediate context: Just as David intended to “show kindness” to Mephibosheth for the sake of his father, Jonathan (9:7), so David intended to “show kindness” to the Ammonite king, Hanun, for the sake of his father, Nahash (10:1-2)

4. A key verb: “send.” “Sending is all about human power structures and about who has access to the most strength in order to dominate others.

B. The Sequence

- A. David sends Joab to besiege Rabbah (11:1)
- B. David sleeps with Bathsheba, who becomes pregnant (11:2-5)
- C. David has Uriah killed (11:6-17)
  - D. Joab sends David a message (11:18-27a)
  - E. The Lord is displeased with David (11:27b)
  - D’ The Lord sends David a messenger (12:1-14)
  - C’ The Lord strikes David’s infant son, who dies (12:15-23)
  - B’ David sleeps with Bathsheba, who becomes pregnant (12:24-25)
  - A’ Joab sends for David to besiege and capture Rabbah (12:26-31).

C. The Set Up

1. David is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of his power and success. He has been doing \_\_\_\_\_ everything right (2 Sam 8).
2. One area of weakness – he has been accumulating a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. The Prohibition: Deuteronomy 17:14-20
  - b. David’s growing “family”: 2 Sam. 3:1-5; 5:13-14
3. David is \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, not with his men in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### D. The Seriousness of David's Failure

1. The King who had not been like the kings of the other nations forgot whose kingdom it was and utilized his power for his \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Sam. 8:4-20)
2. The King who had been content to be \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom (2 Sam. 2-4) now \_\_\_\_\_ someone else's wife.
3. The King who had defended and \_\_\_\_\_ his people (2 Sam. 8:14-15) now \_\_\_\_\_ them for his own benefit.

#### II. Becoming Proactive Against Moral Failure (1 Cor. 10:6, 11-12) To avoid moral failure, I must . . .

##### A. \_\_\_\_\_ the dangers of living in a Fallen world, especially

1. The reality of my own weakness due to a \_\_\_\_\_ heart (Gal. 5:17; Rom. 8:7)
  - A deceitful heart depends on the \_\_\_\_\_ things to get needs met (1 John 2:15-16)
  - A deceitful heart will pursue those actions that it thinks it can \_\_\_\_\_
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ force of sin and cultivate a healthy \_\_\_\_\_ of it (Rom. 6:23; Gal. 5:15; 6:7-8; James 1:13-15; 4:1-3).

##### B. Adopt and maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ posture (Eph. 6:10-18; Mat. 6:13; 26:41)

##### C. \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain moral purity (Heb. 12:1, 4; Rom. 13:14)

1. Make a commitment to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ God's design for sexuality – body, soul, and spirit – in oneself and others (1 Cor. 4:2; 6:19-20).
2. Distinguish between two categories of sexual relating:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ relating: the broad range of interactions we have with other people in which maleness and femaleness (both ours and theirs) come into play (1 Tim. 5:1-2).
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ relating: romantic interactions that are shared with one other person in an exclusive relationship within morally-governed, mutually-accepted limits (Prov. 5:15-19)
3. Spouses should cultivate a healthy and \_\_\_\_\_ sexual relationship (1 Cor. 7:1-9; Heb. 13:4). Unmarried believers should learn to relate with appropriate \_\_\_\_\_ to God and fellow Christians (1 John 4:12-17).
4. Understand that *sexual ache* is designed to motivate you toward intimate connection that is more than physical. Learn to discipline sexual energy through . . .
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ – a mental exercise that involves looking at something in a different way.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ – behavioral channeling of sexual energies toward non-erotic activities.
5. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in dealing with sexual temptation – whether \_\_\_\_\_ (lust – Mat. 5:28; James 1:14-15) or \_\_\_\_\_ (fornication – 1 Cor. 6:18-20). Key passages: Gen. 39:6-12; Job 31:1; Prov. 6:25-29; Mat. 5:28-30; 2 Tim. 2:22.
  - a. When you first encounter temptation, \_\_\_\_\_!
  - b. Minimize your vulnerability by staying out of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Cultivate your relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ and with his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Don't become \_\_\_\_\_.