

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. 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. 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?" So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. Then she returned to her house. And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

2 Samuel 11:1-5

Don't:

- 1. ...use this incident as a shelter to hide behind.
- 2. ...use this incident as a tool for rehashing old sins, old guilt.

Do:

- 1. ...become skeptical of your own flesh.
- 2. ...deal with sin in its infancy.
- 3.resist the allure of autonomy / independence.
- 4.be a Nathanhave some Nathans .

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. Sin multiplies. How have you seen a minor compromise compound into more major sin problems in your life?
- 2. Is there any regret or failure in your life that still has a hold on you? What keeps you from walking in total freedom and forgiveness?