

THE STORY... HIS STORY

Chapter 12

The Trials of a King



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Plot Points

- Not even a king is above the law, and what is done in secret will one day be revealed.
- When called out for our sin, the only proper response is honest repentance.
- Our sins can be forgiven, but that does not mean the consequences will be erased.



Cast of Characters

- **David**- King of Israel; a man after God's own heart.
- **Bathsheba**- wife of Uriah, married David and gave birth to Solomon, an ancestor of Jesus.
- **Uriah**- husband of Bathsheba; a soldier in David's army, murdered by David's order to cover up David's adultery.



Cast of Characters

- **Nathan**- Prophet and advisor in Israel under David's rule; called David to account for his adultery with Bathsheba.
- **Solomon**- Son of David and Bathsheba; followed David as king of Israel.



Cast of Characters

- **Absalom**- Son of David; tried to remove and replace his father as king.
- **Joab**- Commander in David's army; helped cover up David's adulterous relationship with Bathsheba; killed David's son Absalom.



Overview

- David and Bathsheba
- Conviction and Repentance
- Consequences
- Absalom's Rebellion
- Solomon the next King
- The Shepherd (Psalm 23)



David...a man after God's own heart...

- David...a man after another's wife.
- For one moment of pleasure, David compromises everything.
- He loses his integrity, and leaves broken lives in his wake.



David...a man after God's own heart...

- Although the Lord granted him forgiveness, David lived with the consequences of his sin for the rest of his reign.



David and Bathsheba

- If David had played by the rules of Kings and men, he would not have even been home for this to happen.
- He was in the wrong place at the wrong time, home alone when he should have been out with the other fighting men of Israel.



David and Bathsheba

- He takes a walk on the roof and spies a beautiful woman taking a bath.
- Bathsheba was engaged in purification rights following her monthly period.
- Why was she doing this in a place someone could see? Is she somehow to blame?
- The story focuses on David's failure as a man and a king, not on Bathsheba



David and Bathsheba

- David appears to have developed a sense of privileged exceptionalism, saying, “I deserve this.”
- How can this same attitude infect us?



David and Bathsheba

- Soon we see David trying to make things right.
- He goes quickly from lust to murder.

- James 1:13-15



James 1:13-15

¹³ When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.



The Sixth Petition

- And lead us not into temptation
- *What does this mean?*
 - God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.



Temptation

- The attempts of our spiritual enemies to lure us away from God and His ways.
- Mark 14:32-38
- James 1:13-15*



Temptation

- *Into what kinds of evil do our spiritual enemies try to mislead us?*
- The devil, the world, and our sinful nature try to mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great sins.
- 1 Peter 5:8-9
- Proverbs 1:10
- Matthew 18:7
- Galatians 5:17
- 2 Corinthians 4:8



Temptation

- Other Bible Narratives:
 - The devil tempted Eve to doubt and disobey God (Genesis 3)
 - The devil tempted Judas to betray Jesus (John 13:2) and to despair (Matthew 27:4-5)
 - Peter denied Jesus (Luke 22:54-60)
 - King David's sinful nature tempted him to commit adultery and murder (2 Samuel 12:9)



Temptation

- *What do we ask God to do for us when we pray this petition?*
- We ask our Father in heaven to give us strength to resist and overcome temptations.
- Luke 22:31-32
- Romans 13:14
- 1 Corinthians 10:12-13
- Ephesians 6:11



Temptation

- Other Bible Narratives:
 - Joseph withstood the temptation of Potiphar's wife (Genesis 39:1-20)
 - Jesus was tempted by Satan and won the victory for us (Matthew 4:1-11)



Temptation → Sin

- Once temptation has given way to sin, we often want to try and fix things.
 - What did Adam and Eve do?
 - What did Saul do?
 - What did David do?



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How do we recognize sin?

- If left on our own we would continue to sin.
- What makes us realize that something is sinful?
- How are we confronted with sin?
- How was David confronted?



Nathan's challenge is to get David to hear God's message about his sin without getting executed ...

Hiya Dave. Say, I've got a cute little fairy tale to tell you about a cute little lamb. Wanna hear it?

Oh goody! I just LOVE those kind!

You won't!

2 Samuel 12:1-14

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The Law

- God Says: Live According to my Will
- Romans 7:7-24



Difference between...

Law

- Tells what we are to do
- Shows
- Our
- Sin

Gospel

- Tells us what God has done
- Shows
- Our
- Savior



Our reaction to the Law

- How did Saul react when confronted with his sin? (The Story p. 143)
- How did David react when confronted with his sin? (The Story p.p. 163-164)
- What lesson can we learn from this?



Our reaction?

- When the Law confronts it drives us to the cross.
- At the cross we find the comfort of the Savior.
- At the cross the means of grace are provided as we hear the gospel message and we are forgiven.
- The Law drives us to repentance and confession.
- The Gospel brings us forgiveness



Consequences of Sin

- What were the consequences of David's sin?
 - #1
 - #2
- Have you ever experienced heartfelt repentance yet still had to live with consequences?



Living with the consequences

- David's son conceived in sin died.
- David's son Absalom rebelled and brought disgrace upon his father.
- *“Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house...”* (The Story p. 163)



Living with the consequences

- A guide to living in a world of sin:
 - Psalm 23



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You are being pursued!



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