

too little, I would have given you even more.<sup>9</sup> Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.<sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, **the sword will never depart from your house**, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’<sup>11</sup> This is what the LORD says: ‘**Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight.**<sup>12</sup> You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’”<sup>13</sup> Then David said [*confessed*] to Nathan, “**I have sinned against the LORD.**” [*See Psalm 51, written by David!*] Nathan replied [*with these words of absolution:*], “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, **the son born to you will die.**”

- a. **Sin and suffering are connected:** Those who sin will suffer – *some will suffer only now and some forevermore!*
- b. **Jesus has taken the eternal suffering that ALL deserve:** Jesus is the perfect once-for-all sacrifice! Even though this life does include sin and suffering, God is offering to everyone **through Jesus** the gift of a most blessed eternity – *completely free from all sin and all suffering!*

**Conclusion:** Even though David sinned in terrible ways – *adultery and murder*, God enabled him to †see his sin, †be sorry for his sin, †confess his sin, and †trust in the Lord for mercy and forgiveness! May the Lord strengthen us to →listen to His Word, →resist temptation, and →know we are forgiven through Jesus! And all God’s people said: *Amen!*

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# David was Tempted, And He Fell!

Based on 2 Samuel  
11:1-15, 26-27; 12:1-14 NIV

David’s adultery, murder,  
and confession!

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – 2010  
March 21 → 8:15 & 10:45



**Introduction:** Dear friends in Christ, *last week* Joseph was tempted sexually, *but he did NOT fall!* Today we focus on David WHO DID FALL! Let us learn †why he fell, †how he tried to hide his sin, and †how such a person can be restored!

1. **David – Why He Fell** – *He ignored God’s Word, which says in Leviticus: “If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife...both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.” (20:10 NIV)*
  - a. David SHOULD have been with his army – <sup>1</sup>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. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But **David remained in Jerusalem.**
  - b. David SHOULD have stopped when he found out Bathsheba was married – <sup>2</sup>One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. **The woman was very beautiful,** <sup>3</sup>and **David sent someone to**

**find out about her.** The man said, “Isn't this **Bathsheba**, the daughter of Eliam and **the wife of Uriah the Hittite?**”

<sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her [*even though he already had three wives*]. She came to him, and he slept with her. [*David committed adultery!*] (She had purified herself from her uncleanness.) [*She was NOT pregnant!*] Then she went back home. <sup>5</sup> The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, “I am pregnant.”

2. **David – Trying to Hide His Sin AND Uriah Being Honorable** –

[*On hiding sin, see Hebrews 4:13!*] <sup>6</sup> So David sent this word to Joab: “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” And Joab sent him to David. <sup>7</sup> When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup> Then **David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house and wash your feet.”** So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. <sup>9</sup> **But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace** with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup> When David was told, “Uriah did not go home,” he asked him, “Haven't you just come from a distance? Why didn't you go home?” <sup>11</sup> Uriah said to David, “**The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my master Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open fields. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and lie with my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!**” <sup>12</sup>

Then David said to him, “Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. <sup>13</sup> At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and **David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home.** <sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In it he wrote, “**Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die.**” [*David murdered Uriah!*]

3. **The Lord – His Displeasure and a Parable** – <sup>26</sup> When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. <sup>27</sup> After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But **the thing David had done displeased the LORD.** [*So*] <sup>1</sup> The LORD sent Nathan [*His messenger*] to David. [*Now, the Lord through Nathan is going to tell David a very striking parable to help him SEE HIS SIN:*] When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

4. **David – His Anger against a Sinner** – <sup>5</sup> **David burned with anger against the man** and said to Nathan, “**As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die!**” <sup>6</sup> He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.” [*When David committed adultery, he stepped out of the kingdom of God; he became an unbeliever who was spiritually blind and dead – EVEN TO HIS OWN SINS!*]

5. **David – His Consequences and Confession** – <sup>7</sup> Then Nathan said to David, “**You are the man!** This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been