



I got an interesting email years ago...

Your life has been paid for you are as good as dead

Initial reaction

As time passed...

Other pastors, it's not a hoax...

Impressed by David living under the threat of death

Model during difficult times

But once he was established, things fell apart in different places for David...

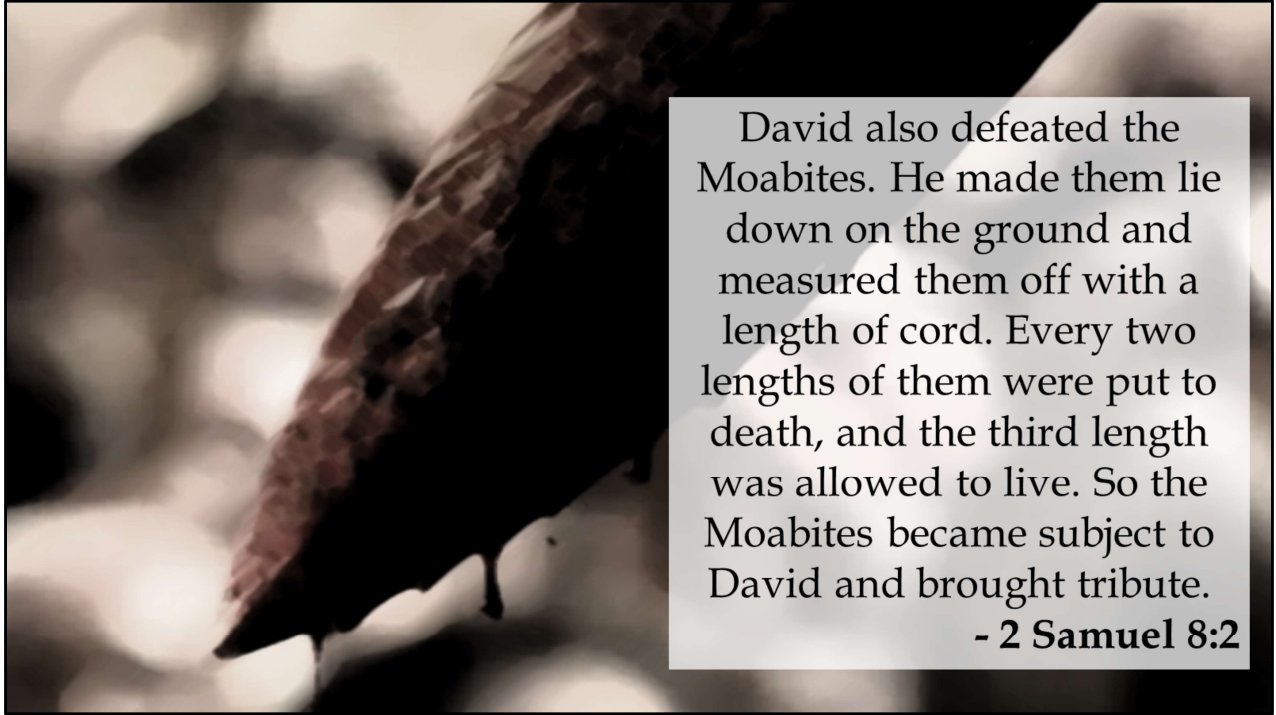
Then he called for his son Solomon and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel. David said to Solomon: “My son, I had it in my heart to build a house for the Name of the LORD my God. But this word of the LORD came to me: ‘You have shed much blood and have fought many wars. You are not to build a house for my Name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight. But you will have a son who will be a man of peace and rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side. His name will be Solomon, and I will grant Israel peace and quiet during his reign.’”

- 1 Chronicles 22:7-9

Ultimately missed a great honor: 1 Chron. 22:7-9—“Then he called for his son Solomon and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel. David said to Solomon: “My son, I had it in my heart to build a house for the Name of the LORD my God. But this word of the LORD came to me: ‘You have shed much blood and have fought many wars. You are not to build a house for my Name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight. But you will have a son who will be a man of peace and rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side. His name will be Solomon, and I will grant Israel peace and quiet during his reign.’”

Comparison to Moses and the Promised Land

Reason: “you have shed much blood...”




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- 2 Samuel 8:2

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David had once distinguished himself (sparing Saul, family); now behaving like other conquering kings

Not so much war atrocities (not mentioned as a reason elsewhere)... but much blood was spilt unnecessarily because of David



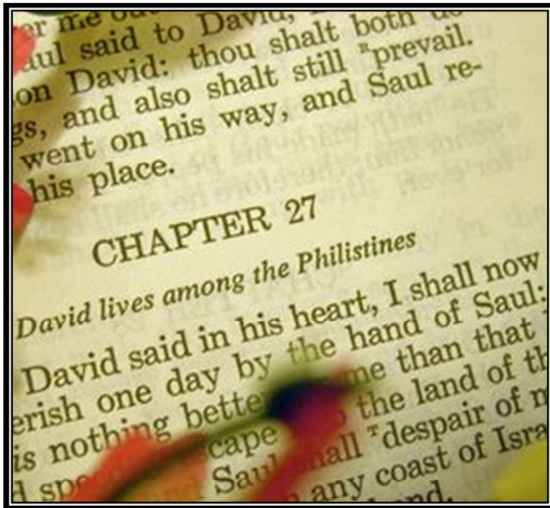
How did “a man after God’s own heart” become a “man of blood”?

Always surrounded by violence, never found peace, ultimately missed his heart’s desire, because he was a man of blood

How does this happen? How does a man after God’s own heart become a man of blood who never finds peace?

Going to look at two incidents: one famous and the other not so much


See how David got himself into messes and how God was gracious to him...



David and the Philistines: *The Dangers of a Compartmentalized Life*

Where we left off with David and Saul... (David spares Saul... Saul goes home...)
David goes to the Philistine city of Gath—Goliath’s hometown, where he had escaped earlier by pretending to be insane—this time with 600 men... offers himself in service to King Achish there...

Why did he do this? 1 Samuel 27:1—*“But David thought to himself, “One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul. The best thing I can do is to escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will give up searching for me anywhere in Israel, and I will slip out of his hand.”*



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David is worn out from hiding... worn out from Saul... worn out from those who betray him...

We get worn out... ready to take a short cut... live like everyone else for a little while...

Still have faith in God, but your "faith life" remains just *part* of your life... Other parts you have to live in the "real world"... your family... money... jobs... relationships...

David enough to please the king that he and his men were given charge over the small town of Ziklag, where they moved and lived...

David thought he had it set up...

I can get what I need from the Philistines...

Still live as an Israelite here in Ziklag...



Compartmentalization leads to **compromise**

1 Samuel 27:8-12—“Now David and his men went up and raided the Geshurites, the Girzites and the Amalekites. (From ancient times these peoples had lived in the land extending to Shur and Egypt.) Whenever David attacked an area, he did not leave a man or woman alive, but took sheep and cattle, donkeys and camels, and clothes. Then he returned to Achish. When Achish asked, “Where did you go raiding today?” David would say, “Against the Negev of Judah” or “Against the Negev of Jerahmeel” or “Against the Negev of the Kenites.” He did not leave a man or woman alive to be brought to Gath, for he thought, “They might inform on us and say, ‘This is what David did.’ ” And such was his practice as long as he lived in Philistine territory. Achish trusted David and said to himself, “He has become so odious to his people, the Israelites, that he will be my servant forever.”



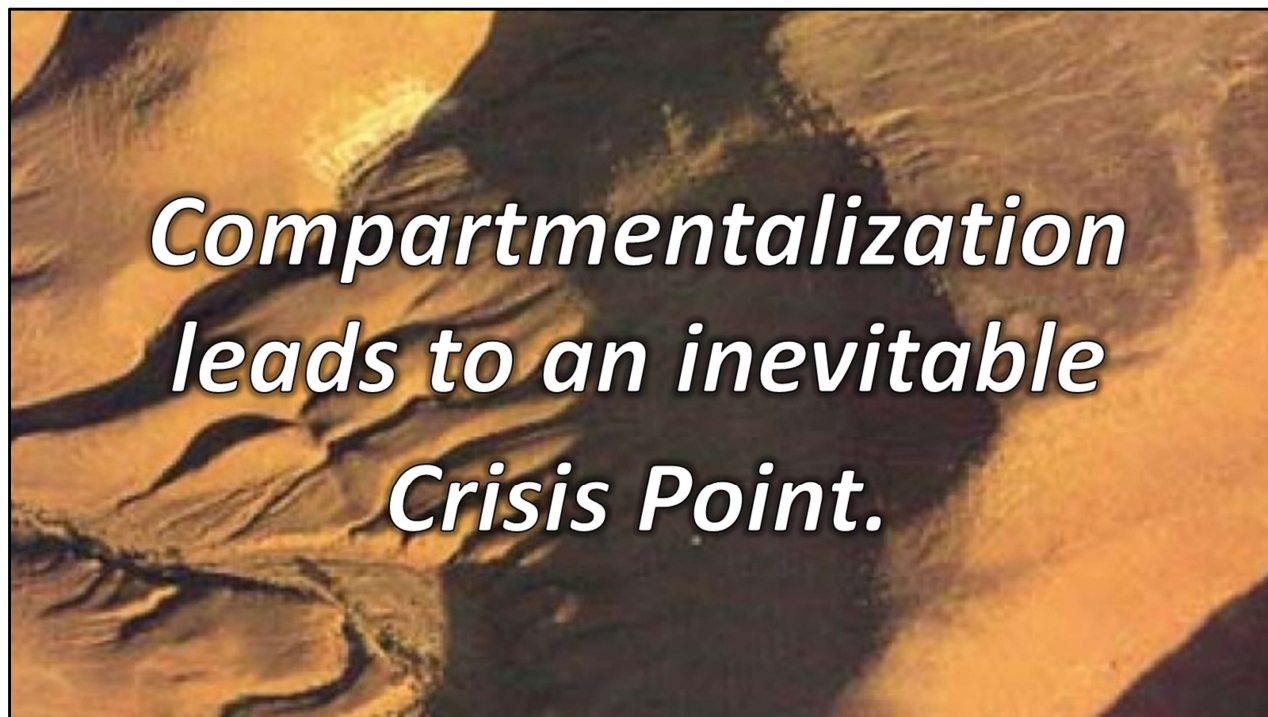
Compartmentalization leads to Compromise: turned David into a liar and murderer

What's going on here? I think it's that David had to continue to pay tribute to the king... needed to go raiding to provide for his men and their families as well as pay tribute...

So this arrangement was supposed to provide protection, but it turned him into a **liar** and a **murderer**...

Of course, you can't stay in the enemy camp forever... you'll have to choose sides, and that's exactly what happened to David...

1 Samuel 28:1-2—*"In those days the Philistines gathered their forces to fight against Israel. Achish said to David, "You must understand that you and your men will accompany me in the army." David said, "Then you will see for yourself what your servant can do." Achish replied, "Very well, I will make you my bodyguard for life."*



Compartmentalization leads to an inevitable **crisis** point.

So the army is marching against Israel, and here is David—who is supposed to be God’s chosen man, the man after God’s own heart—ready to march with the Philistines... a worse traitor *than even Saul* had ever imagined David could be...

At this point, David had to maintain his cover or risk being overrun by the whole Philistine army...

I believe this is when seemingly decent or even good people do awful things...

The person who has entrusted their self-worth to money or career becomes increasingly ruthless or unscrupulous or takes dangerous shortcuts to get ahead...

A man’s addictions to gambling or porn lead to lying or stealing...
Even the rot of unforgiveness can eat away at your heart until you are a person of no compassion...

When you give the devil some of your life, it’s only a matter of time until he

comes for the whole thing... and that's where David is here...

GOD RESCUES DAVID:

- Other Philistines didn't want to march with David, didn't trust him
- Achish argued about his loyalty, but they overruled him, and he sent David and his men away.
- David pretended to be upset, but then went back to his town...



But when he returns home to Ziklag, he discovered another unintended consequence of his actions... 1 Samuel 30:1-4—*“David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day. Now the Amalekites had raided the Negev and Ziklag. They had attacked Ziklag and burned it, and had taken captive the women and all who were in it, both young and old. They killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way. When David and his men came to Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep.”*

Compartmentalization leads to unintended **consequences**.

When David was called out to march with the Philistines, he and his men had to leave their families vulnerable...

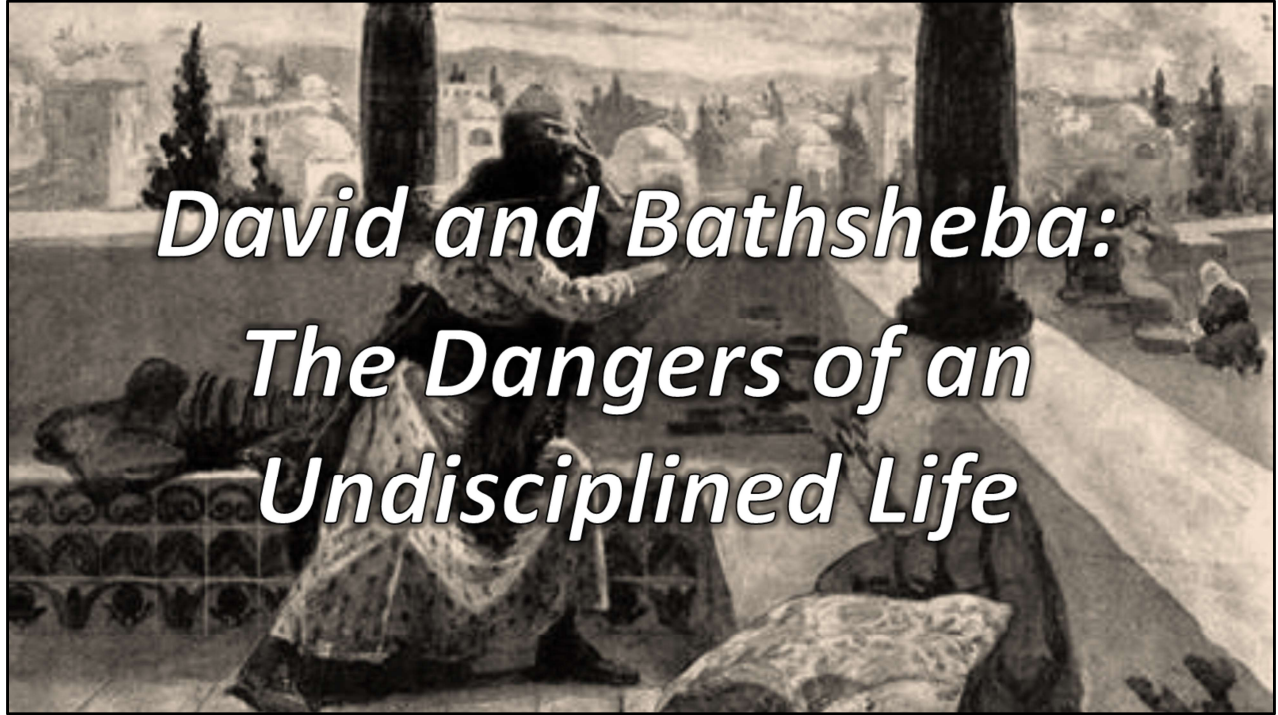
David had brought their families under the refuge of the Philistines to protect them, but the opposite happened...

and people often cut God off from the parts of their lives most precious to them... But what really happens is we take what is most precious to us out

of God's protection and into our own hands... and into greater risk than before...

God rescued David again: 1 Sam 30:6-8—*“David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the LORD his God. Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, “Bring me the ephod.” Abiathar brought it to him, and David inquired of the LORD, “Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?” “Pursue them,” he answered. “You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue.””*

David pursued... God provided Egyptian slave...
Amalekites captured their families instead of killing them...



God wouldn't rescue him from his most famous failure...

David and Bathsheba:

The Dangers of an Undisciplined Life

Look at famous failure... see how flaws shown here affected the rest of his life...
2 Samuel 11:1-2—*"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. One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace."*



David: A Man of Passion

- *Driven by passion*
- *Allowed his passions to become undisciplined.*
- *Passion does poorly in “neutral”*

Allowed his **passions** to become **undisciplined**

Certain strengths are usually packaged with certain weaknesses

Saul: visible gifts → exterior focus

David: passionate heart → driven by passion

Passion does poorly in neutral



Undisciplined in...

- *Time*
- *Focus*
- *Purpose*

Undisciplined in **time**, **focus** and **purpose**

Purpose: *"when kings go off to war..."*

Why fighting?

Focus: *"David sent Joab...but David in Jerusalem"*

When purpose is fuzzy, so is focus

Divided mind: Cared enough to send, not enough to go

Time: *"one evening David, got up from his bed..."*

Evening/daylight: lounging in bed...

Result of all of this: **drifting**

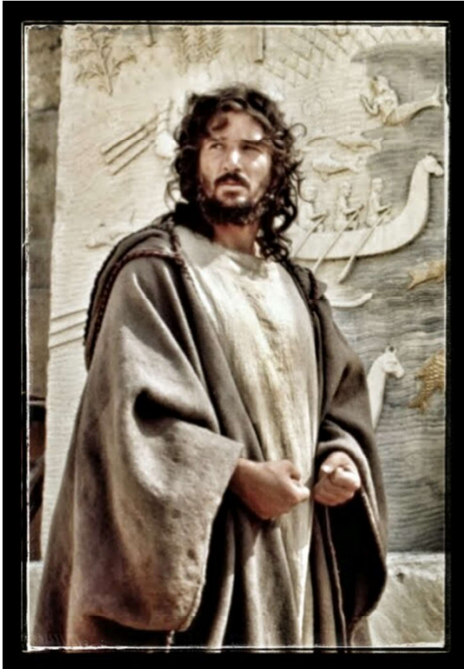
A passionate person who is drifting along w/o passion is looking for something to spark passion again, something to plug into, and David found it...



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Undisciplined in...

- *Relationships with women*

Not the first time; No discipline in his relationships with women

“collected” wives

Michal: “won” her... left her behind... reclaimed her... despised her

Abigail: impressed by her, took her as a 3rd wife

Four other wives, more wives/concubines in Jerusalem



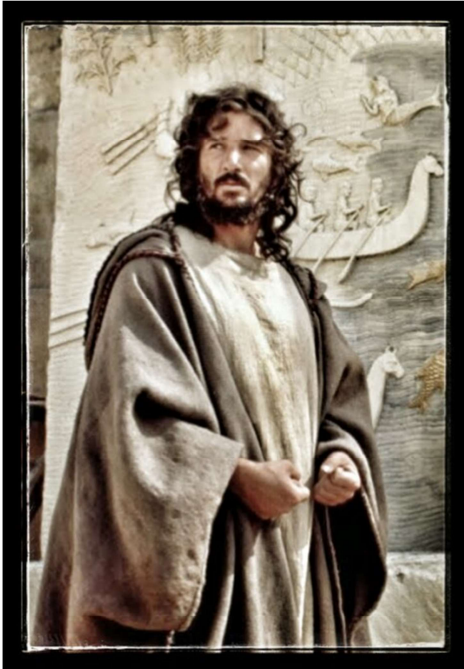
Undisciplined in...

- *Relationships with women*
- *Undisciplined sex leads to objectification*

Undisciplined sex → objectification

Serial relationships; means to sexual satisfaction

Porn: virtual “harem”



***No discipline and
objectification
lead to sense of
entitlement***

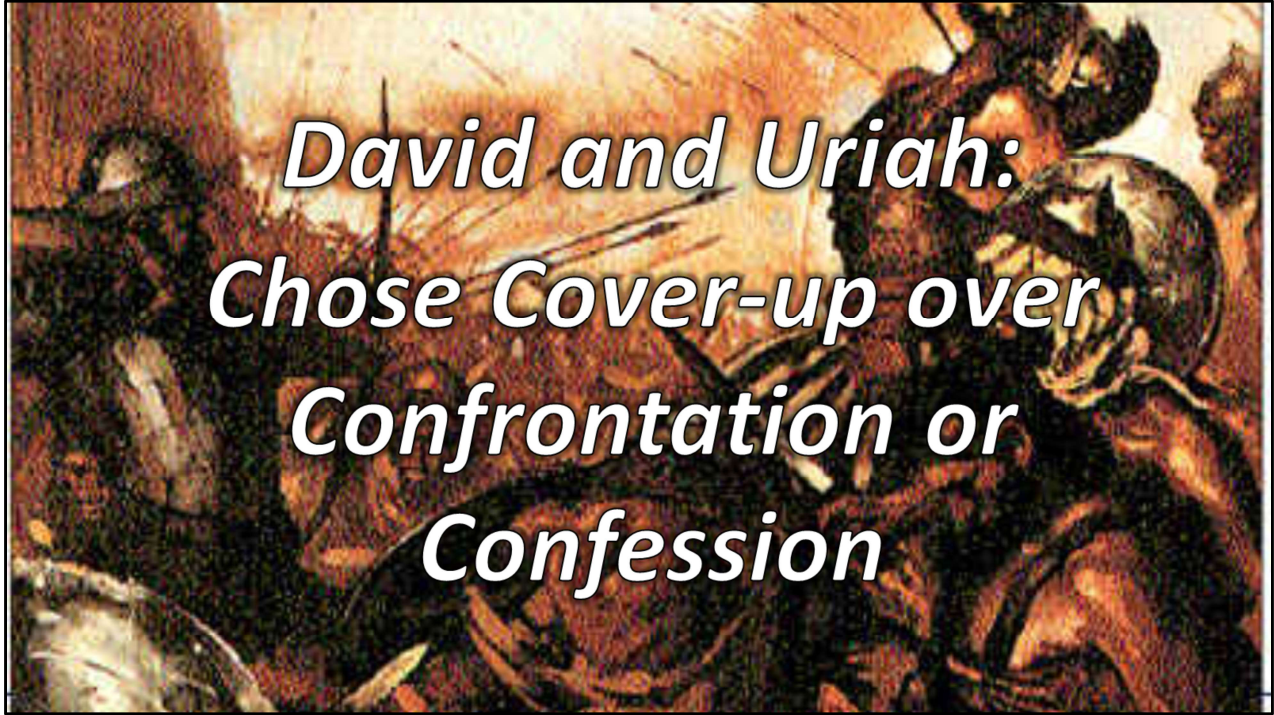
No discipline, objectification → **entitlement**

I deserve it. Why should I deny myself?

Reap what you sow: what are you sowing? **Unfaithfulness!**

David: knocked out of neutral... passions ignited... with habits he had formed, there was no way he would deny himself...

Then came the complication: v. 5—*The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."*



Chose cover-up over confrontation or confession

Decision to cover up (call for Uriah)

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David’s intentions...

Putting your energy into the cover-up... leads to more sin

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Didn't work (Uriah honorable)

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. 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.

- 2 Samuel 11:12-13



Kept trying... vv. 12-13—*“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. 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.”*

His undisciplined passion was now **misdirected** toward covering up his sin...

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. 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." So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.

- 2 Samuel 11:14-17



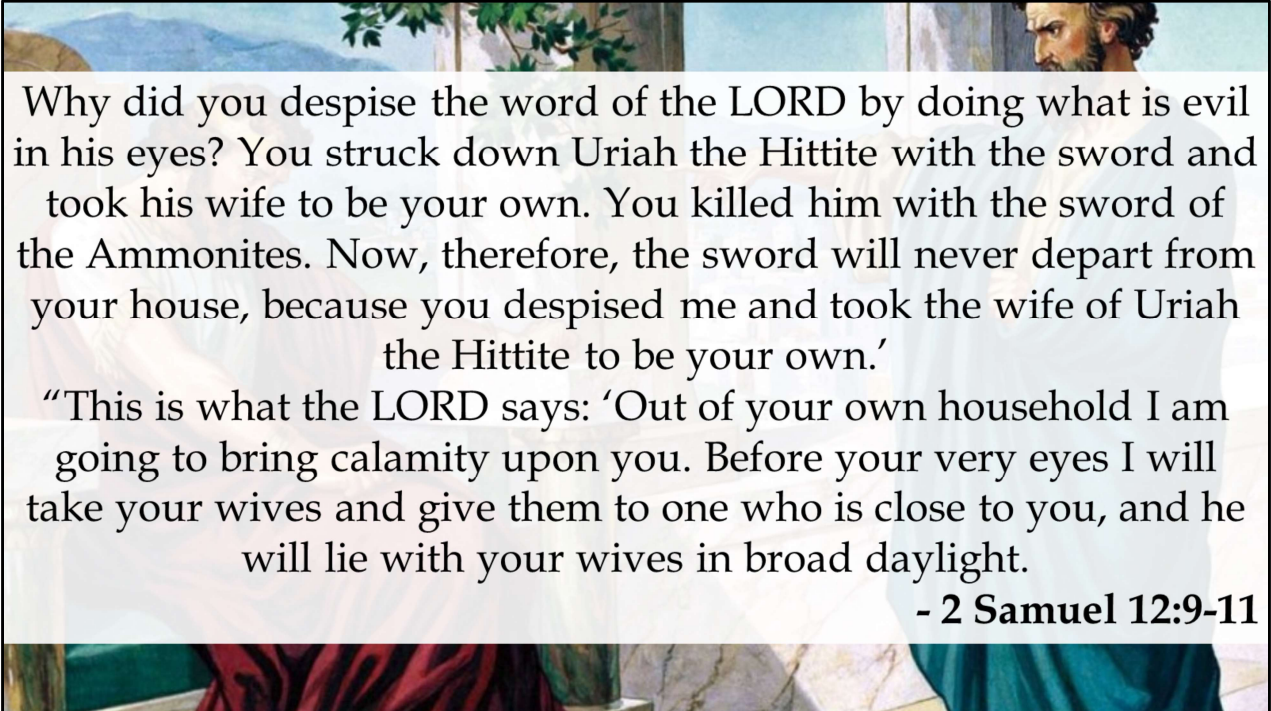
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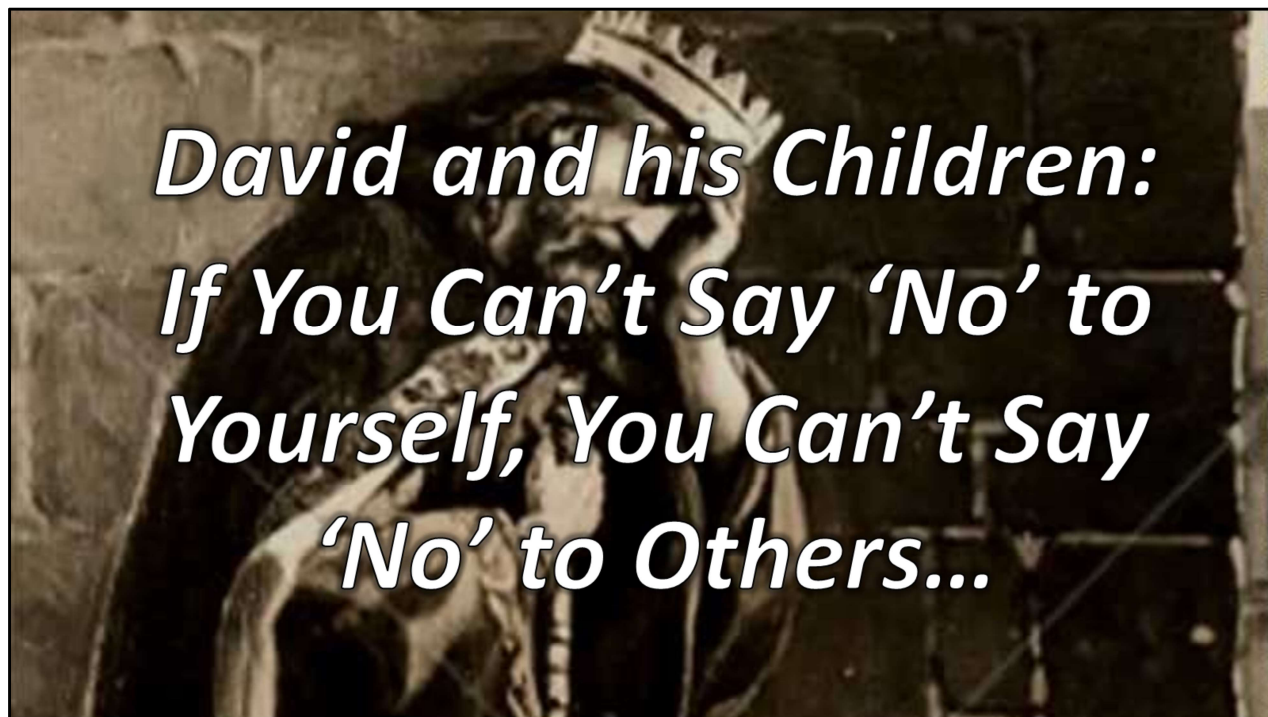
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Fulfillment

Amnon and Tamar....

Absalom's revenge....

Absalom's rebellion...



David clearly loved his sons deeply, but he had a hard time telling them 'no.' Against him better judgment—it seems—he gave them what they wanted again and again and didn't confront them in their sin.

Scripture shows us where David was the one who granted Amnon's strange request... David did nothing when he found out... David sent his sons to Absalom's feast... David allowed Absalom to return... and David allowed Absalom to go to Hebron where he declared himself king, even though, judging by his actions when it happened, he knew what was coming.

He didn't like what his sons did, but he loved them and wanted to think better of them, so he denied what was going on rather than rebuke them in love...

We do the same thing in our relationships... too concerned with losing the relationship...



David accomplished a lot, and he was a huge part of God's plan, but it doesn't seem like he ever really got to enjoy it.

- Three sons dead, another he knew would soon die
- Lots of unnecessary blood shed (Absalom rebellion, etc.)
- Never saw the temple that he longed to see

David shows us how someone with a genuine heart for God can ruin his life.

- No discipline... desire but no plan
- Failed to confront and confess problems

Also shows how we can accept consequences and move on...

- Saul: never accepted that kingship was taken...
- David: accepted that he would not build the temple... spent the rest of his life ensuring Solomon would have success...



“Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.”

- 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Ultimately understood something about grace...

David was a mess, but one that was loved by God...

He chose to draw near to God, even when bad things happened... even when he sinned...

Final prayer recorded of David: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13—“*David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, “Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. “*

Challenge for This Week

- Look for areas where you have compartmentalized.
- Look for where your passions may have become undisciplined.
- Pray through 1 Chronicles 29:10-13.

(go over challenges)