

**WEEK 3: DAVID GAVE IN TO DESIRE**  
**SERIES: FALLEN, FAILED, FLAWED**  
**TEXT: 2 SAMUEL 11:1–5 (ESV)**

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab... But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof... 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...

And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

**2 Samuel 11:1–5 (ESV)**

**BIG IDEA:** Sin isn't spontaneous combustion. It is organic growth. It begins as desire entertained.

## **1. A MISPLACED GAZE**

"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." **2 Samuel 11:2 (ESV)**

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"

**Matthew 6:22–23 (ESV)**

"Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death." **James 1:14–15 (ESV)**

## **2. THE REJECTION OF INTERRUPTION**

“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?’”

**2 Samuel 11:3 (ESV)**

### **3. THE ABUSE OF POSITION**

“So David **sent** messengers and **took** her, and she came to him, and he **lay** with her.” **2 Samuel 11:4 (ESV)**

### **4. THE INEVITABILITY OF CONSEQUENCE**

“And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, ‘I am pregnant.’”

**2 Samuel 11:5 (ESV)**

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.” **Galatians 6:7–8 (ESV)**

### **5. GOD CONFRONTS**

“The thing that David had done displeased the Lord.” **2 Samuel 11:27 (ESV)**

“You are the man!” **2 Samuel 12:7 (ESV)**

“I have sinned against the LORD.” **2 Samuel 12:13 (ESV)**

### **6. REPENTANCE AND MERCY**

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love... For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned... Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” **Psalms 51:1–4,10 (ESV)**

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.” **Proverbs 28:13 (ESV)**

## **7. CHRIST: THE BETTER KING**

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” **Mark 10:45 (ESV)**

### **CLOSING APPLICATION**

Where have I granted myself private permission to compromise?

Have I brought this to God honestly, and have I brought it into the light?