

After God's Own Heart

"A Man After God's Own Heart Repents of Sin"

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Our Sermon Series

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Scandal in the White House (2 Samuel 11-12)

- The preconditions of sin (11:1-3)
- The 1st sin: adultery (11:4-5)
- The 1st attempted cover-up (11:6-13)
- The 2nd sin and 2nd attempted cover-up: murder (11:14-27)
- The confrontation (12:1-12)
- The confession (12:13a)
- The forgiveness (12:13b)
- The consequences (12:14-20:26)

Five Helpful Tips on How to Fall Into Sexual Sin (2 Sam 11:1-4)

[David remained -> David saw -> David inquired -> David sent -> David lay]

1. Rest on your _____ (11:1)

- The idiom "rest on your laurels" means to be so satisfied with your achievements that you make no effort to improve.
- "laurels" = a ring of leaves worn on the head in ancient times as a symbol of victory
- To "rest on your laurels" means to stop trying to grow and improve because you are so satisfied with your past achievements. To become

complacent spiritually, vocationally, personally, martially, relationally, familially, and physically.

- David was taking naps on his palace couch when he should have been off with the troops protecting and expanding the kingdom (11:1-2).
- Many times we are most vulnerable spiritually right after a victory or success (Chap 10 = victory over Ammonites; Chap 11 = moral fall).
- Don't become complacent. Don't stop growing. Don't "rest on your laurels."
- Application #1 – With God's help, I'm going to be vigilant and alert and be a lifelong learner. Specifically, I'm going to seek God's leadership in developing a personal plan to grow in...
 - My spiritual life
 - My marriage
 - My parenting
 - My friendships
 - My vocation
 - My physical health
 - My personal life
- Recommend: John Maxwell's "The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth"
- By the way: Uriah is a great example of the opposite of "resting on your laurels." The nobility of Uriah stands in great contrast to David (11:9-13).

2. Look where you should _____ (11:2)

- Don't watch Bathsheba take a bath!!!!
- Application #2 – Suggested tips for not watching Bathsheba take a bath:
 - Put a filter on your computer, tablet, smartphone (i.e. Covenant Eyes)
 - Keep the computer in a public place (no computers or laptops or tablets or smartphones in bedrooms)
 - Set all cable channels to require parental control password for anything PG-13 or above
 - Don't go to "Hooters"
 - Decide not to look (Jim's practice in the gym)
 - Ask someone to hold you accountable to not looking

3. Take the next step toward sin (11:3)

- David took the next step by finding out who she was, where she lived, and what her cell phone number was.
- Application #3a – If you are married, you have no business swapping texts, emails, or Facebook messages with someone of the opposite gender! (Jim's practice)
- Application #3b – Jim's full-proof way for singles not to engage in premarital sex: Never be truly alone with the opposite gender until you are married.

4. Make a _____ to sin (11:4a)

- This is the point where David yielded to the temptation and made a decision to sin by sending for Bathsheba.
- James 1:13-15** – *When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

5. Do it (11:4b)

- Sexual sin is having sex (physically or in your brain) with anyone other than the person of the opposite gender that you are married to (Ex 20:14; Lev 18; Matt 5:27-28; 1 Corinth 6:9-20; Eph 5:3; 1 Thess. 4:3-5; 2 Tim 2:20-22).

Adultery – sex with a married person – not your spouse	Topless clubs; strip clubs
Fornication – sex with any one you are not married to	Practicing homosexuality
Petting – touching someone’s private parts whom you are not married to	Pornographic internet, pictures, or movies
Oral sex with someone you are not married to	Phone sex (900 numbers)
Voyeurism – watching someone else have sex	Cell phone pornography

Five Biblical Truths to Learn From David’s Moral Failure (2 Sam. 11-12)

1. Don’t respond to sin with _____ (11:14-27)

- Don’t try to cover up adultery with murder.
- Don’t try to cover up a pregnancy out of wedlock with an abortion.

2. We need more courageous Nathans who are willing to _____ (12:1-12)

- “The Lord sent Nathan to David” (12:1)
- We don’t need more Fred Phelps who obnoxiously and angrily hold up signs saying “God Hates Sinners,” but we **do** need more Nathans who respond to a God-given assignment to privately speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15) to a sinning brother.
- Galatians 6:1** – *Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.*
- James 5:19-20** – *My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.*
- The steps of church discipline are outlined in Matthew 18:15-17: (1) private confrontation; (2) confrontation with another; (3) confrontation by the church; (4) remove from church membership.
- This only applies to believers within the church (members). We are to treat unbelievers differently leaving the judgment to God (1 Cor. 5:9-12)

- The motive of this discipline is love with a view to restoration (1 Cor.5:5).

3. When you are convicted of your sin, _____ to God and a trusted friend without excuses (12:13a)

- I believe this verse (12:13a) is the reason that David is still called “a man after God’s own heart” (Acts 17:22) even though he committed adultery and murder.
- David made no excuses. When convicted of his sin, he confessed it immediately to God (1 John 1:9) and to a trusted friend (James 5:16).
- Contrast David with Saul who constantly made excuses when confronted with his sin:

Confrontation	Response
Samuel confronts Saul regarding disobeying the Lord and offering the sacrifice himself (1 Samuel 13:11).	Saul does not confess his sin but rather rants about how the battle was upon them and Samuel had not arrived yet (1 Samuel 13:11-12).
Samuel confronts Saul regarding disobeying the Lord and not committing the Amalekites to destruction (1 Samuel 15:13-14).	Saul does not confess his sin but rather rants about how he kept the best of the Amalekites for the Lord’s sake (1 Samuel 15:15).
Nathan confronts David regarding his adultery and murder (2 Sam 12:1-12)	David responds: “I have sinned against the Lord” (2 Samuel 12:13a).

- Application #4** – Use Psalm 51 to confess your sins to the Lord without excuses.

4. You are _____ in Jesus’ name (12:13b)

- 1 John 1:9** – *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*
- Note: The forgiveness is not based on your confession, but rather is based on the substitutionary atonement of God’s Son Jesus Christ. Confession is merely an expression of applying the shed blood of Christ to your life (Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:3-7; 1 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 9:26).
- Important note: Your final salvation is not dependent on you confessing all of your sins before your last breath (Colossians 2:13-14).
- Application #5** – Receive full forgiveness of all of your sins through Jesus.
- “Emmanuel’s Story//Rwanda” [2:35] found at YouTube.com

5. Although forgiveness is instant, many times there are natural _____ to our sin (12:14-20:26)

- In David’s case, his son Amnon followed his father’s example and committed sexual sin and his son Absalom followed his father’s example and murdered.
- Application #6** – Allow the consequences of sin to be a deterrent to you engaging in these sins in the first place.