

This is Life Lesson 12 Handout

2 Samuel 11:1–27

1 IN THE spring, when kings go forth to battle, David sent Joab with his servants and all Israel, and they ravaged the Ammonites [country] and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

2 One evening David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, when from there he saw a woman bathing; and she was very lovely to behold.



3 David sent and inquired about the woman. One said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

4 And David sent messengers and took her. And she came in to him, and he lay with her—for she was purified from her uncleanness. Then she returned to her house.

Exodus 20:14

14 You shall not commit adultery.

Prov 22:3 A prudent and far sighted person sees the evil (of sin) and hides himself (from it), but the naïve continue on and are punished (by suffering the consequences of sin).

1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

5 And the woman became pregnant and sent and told David, I am with child.

6 David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. So Joab sent [him] Uriah.

**7 When Uriah had come to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the people fared, and how the war progressed.
8 David said to Uriah, Go down to your house and wash your feet. Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of food [a gift] from the king.**

9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house.

10 When they told David, Uriah did not go down to his house, David said to Uriah, Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?

11 Uriah said to David, The ark and Israel and Judah live in tents, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink and lie with my wife? As you live and as my soul lives, I will not do this thing.

Ability may get you to the top but it takes character to stay there.

12 And David said to Uriah, remain here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart. So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.

13 David invited him, and he ate with him and drank, so that he made him drunk; but that night he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house.

14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, Put Uriah in the front line of the heaviest fighting and withdraw from him, that he may be struck down and die.

16 So when Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah opposite where he knew the enemy's most valiant men were.

17 And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David fell. Uriah the Hittite died also.

18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war.

23 The messenger said to David, Surely the men prevailed against us and came out to us in to the field, but we were upon them even to the entrance of the gate.

24 Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall. Some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

26 When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for Uriah.

27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord.

2 Samuel 12:1–31 (AMP)

1 AND THE Lord sent Nathan to David. He came and said to him, There were two men in a city, one rich and the other poor.

2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds,

3 But the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb which he had bought and brought up, and it grew up with him and his children. It ate of his own morsel, drank from his own cup, lay in his bosom, and was like a daughter to him.

4 Now a traveler came to the rich man, and to avoid taking one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfaring man who had come to him, he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for his guest.

5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, As the Lord lives, the man who has done this is a son [worthy] of death.

6 He shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no pity.

7 Then Nathan said to David, You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king of Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.

8 And I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added that much again.

9 Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, doing evil in His sight? You have slain Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife. You have murdered him with the sword of the Ammonites.

10 Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because [you have not only despised My command,

but] you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

11 Thus says the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.

13 And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said to David, The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord and given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child that is born to you shall surely die.

15 Then Nathan departed to his house. And the Lord struck the child that Uriah's widow bore to David, and he was very sick.

16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted and went in and lay all night [repeatedly] on the floor.

17 His older house servants arose [in the night] and went to him to raise him up from the floor, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them.

18 And on the seventh day the child died. David's servants feared to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, While the child was yet alive, we spoke to him and he would not listen to our voices; will he then harm himself if we tell him the child is dead?

19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, he perceived that the child was dead. So he said to them, Is the child dead? And they said, He is.

20 Then David arose from the floor, washed, anointed himself, changed his apparel, and went into the house of

the Lord and worshiped. Then he came to his own house, and when he asked, they set food before him, and he ate.
21 Then his servants said to him, What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept while the child was alive, but when the child was dead, you arose and ate food.
22 David said, While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, Who knows whether the Lord will be gracious to me and let the child live?
23 But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.

Psalm 51 (AMP)

1 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David; when Nathan the prophet came to him after he had sinned with Bathsheba.

**HAVE MERCY upon me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to the multitude of Your tender mercy and loving-kindness blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly [and repeatedly] from my iniquity and guilt and cleanse me and make me wholly pure from my sin!**

1 John 1:9 (NASB95)

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 103:12 (NASB95)

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

1 Corinthians 9:23–24 (NASB95)

**23 I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.
24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.**

