

Wrong Place Wrong Time

The Life and Times of David

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The Nature of David's sin 2 Samuel 11

✓ David was disengaged from the battle.

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, Joab led out the army and ravaged the country of the Ammonites and came and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. And Joab struck down Rabbah and overthrew it. ² And David took the crown of their king from his head. He found that it weighed a talent^[a] of gold, and in it was a precious stone. And it was placed on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city, a very great amount. ³ And he brought out the people who were in it and set them to labor^[b] with saws and iron picks and axes.^[c] And thus David did to all the cities of the Ammonites. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem. 1 Chronicles 20:1-3 (ESV)

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem... But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord. 2 Samuel 11:1 & 27 (ESV)

Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the Ammonites and took the royal city. ²⁷ And Joab sent messengers to David and said, "I have fought against Rabbah; moreover, I have taken the city of waters. ²⁸ Now then gather the rest of the people together and encamp against the city and take it, lest I take the city and it be called by my name." ²⁹ So David gathered all the people together and went to Rabbah and fought against it and took it. ³⁰ And he took the crown of their king from his head. The weight of it was a talent^[d] of gold, and in it was a precious stone, and it was placed on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city, a very great amount. ³¹ And he brought out the people who were in it and set them to labor with saws and iron picks and iron axes and made them toil at^[e] the brick kilns. And thus, he did to all the cities of the Ammonites. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem. 2 Samuel 12:26-31 (ESV)

The Spirit of Passivity

1. A passive spirit is different from a quiet personality.
2. A passive spirit is not from God.

- ✓ David put himself in a place he could be tempted.
- It's easier to avoid temptations than resist them.

*“In our members there is a slumbering inclination toward desire that is awakened with sudden ferocity. With irresistible power, desire seizes mastery of the flesh. The flesh burns and is in flames. In this moment, God becomes quite unreal to us. Desire envelopes us in darkness and makes us utterly forget God. Therefore, the Bible teaches that in times of temptation to our flesh there is one command – flee. Flee youthful lust. Flee worldly temptation. Run. No human being has within them the strength to resist such overpowering emotions.” **Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Temptation***

- ✓ David objectified this woman and abused his power.
- ✓ Sexual sin destroys lives.

Final Thought - *The way we overcome sin is by being captivated by the magnificence of the true King.*

MY NEXT STEP:

- REPENT and be Saved TODAY
- START The Bible Engagement Project THIS WEEK
- BE BAPTIZED in Water Next Sunday, September 24th.
- INVITE someone to be your guest next Sunday.