



Icebreaker: If you could go back in time and change one decision you've made in your life, what would it be? And why?

Sermon Title – Imperfect: Life of David – Bathsheba – II Samuel 11-12

Group Discussion – Five questions related to the story of David and Bathsheba:

Read II Samuel 11:1-5 – **(1) As you reflect on this story, what is your initial take-a-way of a key Bible character, like David, choosing to knowingly committing adultery with another man's wife?** In the sermon, Jeff referenced different agendas that we may read into the story to help us comprehend “why” or “how” this could have happened and then, from those agendas, create our own application of the story. Does our own perspective complicate the reality of what's happening in this story? Is there an overarching agenda or reality we may need to consider?

Read II Samuel 21:17b; Romans 6:23 – **(2) How does the reality of sin and temptation play a factor in this story? How do our actions, both good and bad, affect others around us?** Sin and temptation seem to affect David the same way it could affect us. David's status as “Chosen” and “Set a part”, seems to be irrelevant when it comes to the reality of sin. Are there times when we forget the potential ripple effects of sin?

Read Psalm 51:1-12; Acts 3:19 – **What does genuine repentance look like? Why does it feel at times that redemption seems impossible?** When confronted by the prophet Nathan, David acknowledged his sin and sought God's forgiveness. What does this story teach us about the journey of redemption?

Read Ephesians 6:12; II Corinthians 2:11b – **What methods does Satan use to tempt David? Do you tend to forget about the reality of spiritual warfare? What are ways in which you've experienced spiritual warfare in your own life?** David seemed to have a target on his back because of the plans God had for him. And yet, in the big picture, the plans of God prevailed. What does the activity of spiritual warfare in your life say about the journey of faith you are on?

Read Acts 13:36 – **What does this story reveal about the plans and purposes of God? How have you seen God use brokenness and mistakes for good?**

Spiritual Discipline:

Take time this week to review our additional sermon resources through *RightNow Media* or on our app at: **Church Center / Home / Sermon Resources**. These resources coincide with the weekly sermons.

Action Steps:

In your groups or individually, take time to pray to see situations the way God sees them and lean on His understanding in the midst of trials and difficulties. Reliance on God for His leading and guidance gives us the ability to work through challenging circumstances we go through ourselves or to support those around us.



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