

David, Christ & You

David and Bathsheba

- 2nd Samuel 11:1 - 12:15
- We learn by example...
 - By the example of David in the battle against Goliath - Good against Evil
 - By the example of the friendship of David and Jonathan - Good and Good
- If we are smart, we will also learn by the bad examples of others...
 - That brings us to the story of David and Bathsheba
- Let's look for David, for Jesus, and for you...
- Summary of Story:
 - It was the "time that kings go to battle"... But, David sent Joab...
 - A woman is bathing herself
 - David notices her beauty and is attracted to her
 - David and Bathsheba sin...
 - David sends for Uriah
 - David sends Uriah to "go down to his house, and wash his feet"...
 - David shares a meal with Uriah and sends it to him
 - Unsuccessful... David now get's Uriah drunk...
 - Still Unsuccessful... David now commits Uriah to his death...

- Uriah is killed... Bathsheba becomes David's wife
- Nathan comes and tells a story of a man with the lamb...
- The man with everything is unwilling to give up what he has, and he takes from the man that had only one little lamb
- David judges against the wicked man
- Nathan says, "You are the man!"... Therefore the sword will never depart...
- What kind of example is David here...
 - A bad example...
- How do we see Christ in this example?
- David as an example of what Christ DIDN'T DO!
 - David was where he shouldn't have been... He stayed in Jerusalem when he should have gone out to battle
 - Matthew 26:1-6 - Jesus didn't run from his trial... He stayed in Bethany... Close to Jerusalem... Even though he knew that they were conspiring to kill him
 - A woman is bathing herself
 - Matthew 26:7 - A woman comes and bathes Jesus
 - David notices her beauty and is attracted to her
 - Matthew 26:10 - Jesus notices her good character, qualities and actions
 - He wasn't blind to her beauty:
- Hebrews 4:14-16 - "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."
- He just CHOSE NOT to get involved...

- Being human means having the ability to OVERRIDE our emotions with logic... or with obedience... If you don't... If you chose NOT to... Then you are acting like a animal...
- David and Bathsheba sin...
 - Matthew 26:10 - Jesus defends her from attack, instead of attacking her
- David shares a meal with Uriah before betraying him
 - Matthew 26:20-25 - Jesus shares a meal, with those who betrayed him
- Unsuccessful... David now gets Uriah drunk...
 - Matthew 26:27-29 - Jesus gives wine to his Brethren to represent his sacrifice for them
- Still Unsuccessful... David now commits Uriah to his death...
 - Jesus commits himself to his own death on behalf of his brethren
- David betrays his friend and kills him...
 - Matthew 26:47-50 - Jesus is betrayed by his "friend" and killed
- Nathan says "Therefore the sword will never depart from your house..."
 - Matthew 26:51-52 - "He that lives by the sword, dies by the sword..."
- How do you see yourself in this same story...
 - You are presented with two examples
 - With similar men who had similar temptations and similar problems
 - One who did what was right, and one who didn't
 - One who sinned, and one who didn't...
- YOU acting like Christ, and NOT David:
 - Being in the RIGHT PLACE at the RIGHT TIME

- Don't look upon the outward appearance of a person, look at their character, their qualities, their personality
- Calculating, planning, scheming... It's never "spur of the moment" sinning...
 - You CAN avoid it!
- Break Bread and drink wine in Righteousness, not in wickedness...
- David does rebound well from his failure...
 - The one example Christ never was able to give us is of repentance
- David gives us an excellent example of what it means to repent
 - Owning up to our own mistakes, and accepting responsibility for our our actions
 - 2nd Samuel 12:7-12
 - 2nd Samuel 12:13 - "And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die."
 - He could have blamed her for being on the rooftop
 - It was the middle of the day, for Pete's sake...
 - He could have blamed his "Manly desires"
 - You would have done the same thing... Look at her!
 - Acknowledges that HE is the one responsible
 - HE is the one that has sinned against the Lord...
- He accepts responsibility for what he does...
 - And God forgives him...