



Worship Guide for January 28, 2024

Sermon Notes

The King's Sad Failure 2 Samuel 11

David and _____. What word or name would you place on that line? Most people, even those only vaguely familiar with the Bible, would say Goliath or Bathsheba. These two names are forever linked to David, one a picture of faith and victory, the other the complete opposite. As different as Goliath and Bathsheba are, they both have a common link to David. In different ways and at different times “Both bring him into places of testing. In the meeting with Goliath, David is young, unknown, and untested. In the meeting with Bathsheba, David is mature, well known, and thoroughly tested and tried. In the first meeting, David emerges triumphant; in the second meeting, he goes down in defeat.” (Eugene Peterson)

In 1 Kings 15:5 we read, “...David did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and did not turn aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.” “Except”. What would be the *except* of your life? While it may not be as dark and sordid as David’s sin in this chapter, all of us have those “excepts” - those actions, events, or seasons in our lives we’d prefer to leave under wraps – hidden in the dark away from the gaze of others. I also hope we would want to avoid those situations/scenarios in the future. So, this chapter in David’s life is very relevant to us.

All of us are familiar with the story of David and Bathsheba. Maybe too familiar. So, as we look at this account it’s good for us to remember two biblical truths today: First, God has given us this account as an example for our instruction (1 Cor 10:11; 2 Tim 3:16); Second, God has given this account for our warning (1 Cor 10:6 & 12).

May we all receive the full instruction and warning God has for us today.

The King’s Sad Failure (2 Sam 11:1-4)

The Unintended (Unsurprising) Fruit (2 Sam 11:5)

The Deceiver’s Failure (2 Sam 11:6-13))

The Murder’s Fallacy (2 Sam 11:14-25)

The Coverup’s Failure (2 Sam 11:26-27)

Applications:

Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom...*"

- *Colossians 3:16a*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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JANUARY

28 PreK/Children's SS Leader's Luncheon

FEBRUARY

3 Cake & Coffee Gathering @ 10am
4 CentriKid Camp Deposit **DUE**
9 Membership Class @ 6pm
10 Sportsman's Banquet @ 6:30pm
17-19 Student Ministry Winter Retreat