

2 Sam 12:7-9

Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon.'"

We all know the story of King David and Bathsheba; if you don't, you can read it in 2 Samuel chapters 11-12.

Very simply, King David committed adultery with Bathsheba while Uriah (Bathsheba's husband) was out fighting in the war. Bathsheba became pregnant by King David, and King David tried to cover it up by trying to make Uriah come back from the battle and have sex with his wife Bathsheba. Uriah refused to, and since King David could not hide his sin this way, he decided to hide it by having Uriah murdered.

This is the same King David that the bible says;

† ***Acts 13:22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'***

Did you catch that? ***a man after My own heart***

God loved King David very much, and despite what King David did, the Lord still blessed him, but not as much as God wanted to.

God had huge plans and ways of blessing King David, if he hadn't committed adultery and murder. How do I know this? It's in today's devotional verses.

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Did you catch that last line: ***I also would have given you much more!***

The King of Israel, rich, handsome, victorious in battle, married to beautiful women, many sons and daughters, loved by the people. I mean come on, everything a man could want, and God said He was going to bless him even more. WOW

What were those "more" blessing going to be? I don't know, the bible doesn't say, but if it's from God then you know they would have been awesome. But King David gave it all up for one night of sin with a married woman, and one quick command to have Uriah murdered. And not only did David lose all those extra blessing from the Lord (even though he was forgiven as he confessed to the Lord his sin), but he also had to deal with the consequences of his sin.

† **2 Samuel 12:10-14** *Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from 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. For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.' "* So 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. However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die."*

So for you today, are you thinking, or even been planning on sinning this weekend or anytime. Stop and really think about it for a minute, is it really worth it? Is a weekend in Las Vegas, or going out partying this weekend, or getting drunk, or having sex outside of marriage, or maybe you have the opportunity to commit adultery and you think it will be in secret, just like King David did? Whatever it may be, really think about the outcome of what you are going to do. Or more so, what blessings from the Lord will you be giving up for that moment of pleasure that could affect the rest of your life, and possible someone else's life as well?

Do you think King David would have still slept with Bathsheba and had Uriah murdered if he knew the outcome?

† *You did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives.
You have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme.
The child also who is born to you shall surely die.*

You have a choice; to commit that sin and deal with the outcome and loss, or not commit the sin and thank the Lord for His blessings that you will get because of the sin if you did not commit.

† *And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more!*