

What does the story of David and Bathsheba show me about the nature of my sins? About temptation? About repentance? About forgiveness?

Is there any sin I've committed that God can't or won't forgive? If there is, what does that say about Jesus' sacrifice on my behalf?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Most of us are umpires at heart; we like to call balls and strikes on somebody else. We're all adept at applying God's standard to others, but dodging it application to ourselves.

Steven Cole

Ahab cast a covetous eye at Naboth's vineyard, David a lustful eye at Bathsheba. The eye is the pulse of the soul; as physicians judge of the heart by the pulse, so we by the eye; a rolling eye, a roving heart. The good eye keeps minute time, and strikes when it should; the lustful, crochets-time, and so puts all out of tune.

Thomas Adams

When we sin, we must run to and not avoid the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16). On this side of the cross we now know fully what David didn't: God put away our sin by placing them on himself. Only at the cross will we hear, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die." Ever.

John Piper

The genealogy is going to tell us that at Christmas truth became fact, promise became reality, grace became shocking, and if you grab those three, you can get the peace that Jesus Christ came to give us.

Timothy Keller

Every time I insist on opposing God's Word to appease my fleshly appetites and my longing to control my own destiny, I make the same fatal mistake David did. How dare we sit in judgment of a man who is nothing more than a mirror for our own sinful nature!

We think we have to be "good" to deserve God's grace. That's like saying you have to be clean to take a bath.

Liz Curtis Higgs



In the Line of the King: Matthew 1:6; 2 Samuel 11-12

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Sermon
Notes

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?
 2. What are Matthew's purposes in writing the genealogy of Jesus in *Matthew 1:1-16*?
 3. If you were a Jew reading this genealogy that includes Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba, what would be your conclusion about Jesus be? What should we conclude today as we read it?
 4. Which of God's laws did David break according to the following verses?
Deuteronomy 17:17 — *Leviticus 18:20* —

Deuteronomy 27:24 —
 5. What is God's plan for marriage? What Scriptures back that up?
 6. What does *1 Kings 15:5* tell us about David?
 7. How does *James 1:14-15* show David's progression into sin?
 8. What is the biblical advice to us when we are tempted sexually?
1 Corinthians 6:18 —

2 Timothy 2:22 —
 9. Is it legalistic to say that women should dress modestly and that men should guard what they look at? Explain.
 10. Some famous preachers are liked because they never mention sin. Can we avoid the sin issue and still have the gospel? Why or why not?
 11. Read *2 Samuel 12:1-14*. What was David's response to seeing his own sin? What is the lesson to us when we sin?
 12. Read *Psalms 51*. Does genuine confession require feeling sorry for your sins? Defend your answer with Scripture.
 13. According to *2 Samuel 12:20*, what did David understand about repentance?
 14. Read *Matthew 9:9-12*. What did Jesus mean here?
 15. Why is David's side of the story told and not Bathsheba's? Why aren't her thoughts, words, and emotions recorded for us?
 16. Is it possible to be overly sensitive to our own sin? Can we be too introspective? Explain.
- Reflection Questions:** What was my most blatant sin this past couple of weeks? Why was it so appealing to me? Why was I convinced I deserved it?