



## **“Broken”**

**February 11**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Read 2 Samuel, chapter 11. If you grew up knowing the story of David and Bathsheba, share with your group how you understood the story? Who are the main actors in this story and how do they relate to one another?
2. What details in the story show us that the Commandment being broken here is not the commandment against committing adultery, but rather the Commandments against stealing and murder? In what ways does David abuse his kingly power and why is this important?
3. If this is a story about the power of sin, how are David's actions a reflection of his choices to put his own desires above God's desires for the world? If the essence of sin (as Soren Kierkegaard writes) is the illusion that we are competent to run our own lives, how do David's actions demonstrate this?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:12. Discuss the idea that we “are all 5 minutes away from blowing up our lives?”
5. Read 2 Samuel 12:13. If we underestimate the power of sin, how does that impact how we experience God's grace?
6. Spend time in prayer (silently or aloud) confessing your sin to the God of great mercy and unbounded love.

## 2 Samuel 11:1-11, 14-17, 26-27, 12:1, 13

### David Commits Adultery with Bathsheba

11 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. 3 David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' 4 So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. 5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'

6 So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. 7 When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. 8 Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. 9 But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. 10 When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' 11 Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths;[a] and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.'

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### David Has Uriah Killed

14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.' 16 As Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant warriors. 17 The men of the city came out and fought with Joab; and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite was killed as well.

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26 When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. 27 When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

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Nathan Condemns David

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, 12 1 and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor.

13 David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.