

REDEEMED

LIFE NOTES

2 Samuel 11 & 12
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QUESTIONS

1. King David begins to show that even God's elect have messes that they would like to cover up. Polygamy was never God's ideal (Gen. 2:24; Mal. 2:14-16; Matt. 19:5). Most of these examples were political and strategic while others seemed to show something about the inner life of David (1 Sam. 25:3, 39; 2 Sam. 3:2-5; 2 Sam. 11:2-4). What happened to the inner life of David according to 2 Samuel 11:1, that might have caused this change?

2. Covetousness and lust plague many people. Compared to Joseph (Gen. 39:6-10), what should David have done in that situation? What are some good practices to do when tempted in such a way?

3. What other sins did David commit because of trying to cover up his affair (2 Sam. 11:6-13; 14-21; 22-25)? Discuss how "sin leads to sin" if unchecked. Have you seen or experienced this downward spiral?

4. Even though David still had to face the consequences of his sins (2 Sam. 11:14-16; 12:9-14; 16:22), God was able to redeem what was meant for evil and use it for good. Where do you see examples of each of these (evil turned to good?) 2 Sam. 12: 22-25; Ruth 4: 18-22; Luke 3:23, 31

5. How close are pieces of David's story to the real world around you? Consider – what might be the good news to share with those in similar messes?