Lesson 16 • February 13, 2013

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week’s study of Abigail has been helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read 2 Samuel 11

2. In V1, where was King David to go, yet where did he remain?

3. Using V2-4, describe each step which led to the affair. (It might be helpful to take note of the verbs.)

   David          Bathsheba

4. a) Do you think Bathsheba was discreet while bathing? Why or why not?

   b) Explain whether you think she had a choice at any step along the way.

5. What are some ways women can be indiscreet, even suggestive, with the opposite sex?

6. In V5-25, summarize how David tries to cover up Bathsheba’s pregnancy.

7. What happens next in Bathsheba’s life in V26-27?
8. a) In 2 Samuel 12:9-10 and 13-14, what are the ramifications of their adultery and why?

   b) What amazes you about God in 2 Samuel 12:24?

9. Write a truth as you track the word “despised” (mentioned 3 times) in 2 Samuel 12:9-10 and Psalm 51:17. (Note: Psalm 51 is David’s psalm of confession after his sin of adultery with Bathsheba.)

SECTION II: Read 1 Kings 1:1-31

10. Describe the situation in V1-4.

11. Looking at V5-10, who is Adonijah, and what is he up to?

12. In V11-22, what does Nathan advise Bathsheba to do and how does she respond?

13. When someone gives you advice, how do you determine if you should follow it?

14. In V28-31, what is David’s response to the situation in his kingdom?

15. What attributes do you see in Bathsheba at this point in her life?

SECTION III: Read 1 Kings 2:13-25

For background: Adonijah’s self-appointment as king was thwarted, and David made Solomon the king of Israel before dying.


17. a) What does it say about Bathsheba in the way King Solomon interacts with her in V19-20?
17. b) What does it say about Bathsheba in the way King Solomon overrides her request in V21-25?

18. Read Matthew 1:1, 6-7. What legacy did God give to Bathsheba?

19. Once again, God famously turned “the bad, and the ugly” into an eternal “good” in Bathsheba’s story of adultery, but not without some extreme pain (losing her husband, Uriah, and her first son with David). How can you relate to the following chapters in her life?

   a) being lured into sin

   b) bearing consequences for the sin

   c) watching God graciously redeem the sin

20. Form a prayer request that ties into how you answered Question 21.

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1. There’s a question as to whether Bathsheba’s lack of modesty contributed to the sin of their adultery. What does 1 Timothy 2:9-10 say on the subject of modesty?

2. Read the story in Genesis 39:6-12 where a person tried using a position of power to satisfy sexual desires. Contrast the steps that led to a very different outcome than Bathsheba’s.

3. If you’re tempted toward any sexual sin, what practical help do you find in the following steps?

   a) Admit the sin: 1 John 1:9

   b) Remove yourself from the temptation: 1 Corinthians 6:18a

   c) Find 1 or more believers to hold you accountable & pray for you: James 5:16

   d) Identify key Scriptures to strengthen you: Psalm 119:9-11

   e) Believe God can give you victory: Romans 8:37

   f) Believe God can redeem the scars of past sexual failure: Psalm 103:2-5

4. Suggested Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:3