



June 4

Passage: 2 Samuel 11

Hiya! It's Thursday and its Devo-Time!

Spend some time with the Lord in prayer before we jump into the passage today!

In your prayer, confess your sin before the Lord, ask him forgiveness and ask for clarity as you read!

READ & DIG. Read 2 Samuel 11 (underline anything that stands out to you)

The passage for today is the scene of David and Bathsheba. A difficult story but one we must know, and we can learn from. You see, even though David was God's man, God's king, he is still a man with sin struggles and here we see him fall.

SIN IS INTICING

The scene opens with David seeing Bathsheba from afar. However, it doesn't stop here does it? No. David called to have her brought to him and committed adultery. You see, though David saw Bathsheba he hadn't committed a sin, rather he was tempted. It was when he held on to that desire and allowed it to overtake him that he sinned. James paints the perfect picture of the anatomy of sin. James says in James 1:14-15, "...each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin..." It was David's lack of killing his own desires that lead him to sin.

SIN SNOWBALLS OUT OF CONTROL

Sin that is not dealt with festers, grows and explodes. Here we find David commit adultery with Bathsheba. But it doesn't stop there, does it? No. David allowed his sin to grow until it was out of control. What started as a desire grew into sin and spiraled out of control that led to murder. David has Uriah killed for the sin David commits. He thought he could make the problem go away by killing Uriah but that's not so. Sin never disappears on its own. It must be dealt with – **killed**. Just as the puritan John Owen said, one must *kill sin, or sin will kill you!* Reflecting on our James passage from earlier, he illustrates the result of sin that isn't dealt with saying, "*sin when it is fully grown brings forth **death**.*"

SIN IS NOT ULTIMATE

Sin is not a good thing; we got that right? It'll take you farther than you could ever imagine. But here is the greatest truth of all – **sin isn't ultimate, God is**. This world is broken because of sin. We will find ourselves in predicaments that we never thought we would be in because of the sinfulness of our own hearts. But Jesus changes everything. Faith in Christ wipes our sins away, we find new life in him! Regardless of sin, regardless of how long, Jesus wipes it away. Sin leaves us dirty, but Jesus leaves us clean! Sin isn't ultimate, God is!

Apply & GO

So, sin is deadly and can lead us farther than we ever thought it would, but it is not ultimate.

- **Trust in the forgiveness Jesus offers...** Sin hurts and it scars. Maybe you are carrying around a shame story in your heart, Jesus offers a release from that. He offers forgiveness that is sure.

- ***Strive for a life of holiness...*** One way to protect ourselves from trouble is to seek to live a life that is holy, one that is modeled after Jesus. No, we aren't perfect, but we can strive to be; knowing that when we fail Jesus offers forgiveness.