

ULC Sermon Study Resource

Matriarchs - Bathsheba

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be and why?

Reading: 2 Samuel 12:1-14, 24-25

Outline:

- I. David's Sin (v. 1-6)
 - a. Sin blinds and traps us, like it did to David when he heard the parable.
 - b. Sin always does harm, and it can hurt both us and those around us.
Q: What punishment does David believe the man in the parable should receive?
- II. David's Grief (v. 13-14)
 - a. There is graciousness in the grief that occurs as a result of sin.
 - b. David sees his sin, grieves, and repents, and this is the only response to sin that can heal.
Q: How does David react to the condemnation of his actions?
- III. Bathsheba's Blessing (v. 24-25)
 - a. Although David's interaction with Bathsheba was marked by sin, God's favor was still made known through Solomon.
 - b. The gift of Bathsheba is the true man of peace, who would come after generations of sin and wickedness.
Q: What does Jedidiah mean, and why is this significant?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Why are we blind to our sin at times like David was? How does our blindness trap us?
- 2) Can you think of an example of a sin that may not appear harmful initially, but in reality it harms many people involved?
- 3) What would it look like to have an honest response to the condemnation of sin?
- 4) How can repentance serve as a process that heals us? How would you respond to someone that claims repentance is about shame?
- 5) Have you ever had trouble coming to God as a response to the condemnation of your sin?

Suggestions for further study:

- 2 Corinthians 7:10 **Q: What do you think Godly sorrow looks like compared to worldly sorrow?**
- Psalm 51:1-12 **Q: How does David model the process of repentance here?**
- Isaiah 59:2 **Q: What does sin do to our relationship with God?**

Closing Prayer: God, we long to live as your beloved children. As we look inward, we see sin, brokenness, and death that cling to us so tightly. God, while you condemn our sin, we also recognize that you are the only one that could do anything about it. We give you thanks for what you have done about it. We give you thanks for Jesus, we give you thanks for his life, his death in our place, and for the forgiveness you pour out through Him. We ask that by the power of your Spirit we would take hold of this forgiveness, and that you would free us from the sin that clings to us. Give us strength to repent and turn from our sin, because we know that there is life in you. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen.