

Bible Reading Together during this Covid-19 Shutdown

March 21-27: Read 2 Samuel 11-12, Psalm 51 & 103

2 Samuel 11-12

We skip over all of David's many triumphs to go to his great sin against his general Uriah when he committed adultery with his wife Bathsheba. And then he compounded with his murder.

Further Study & Discussion

- This story shows David, the man after God's own heart, at his worst. We read stories of pastors and religious leaders committing many sins. And it's right for us to get upset by their downfall. There was trust and love. However, what they commit in public is not very different from what we commit in secret. Spend time in repentance before God.
- Some choose to defend King David by suggesting Bathsheba tempted him into sin. Others suggest Bathsheba had little choice when the King gave an order. What do you think?
- Talk about the many ways that General Uriah was an upright man – and he was a foreigner, a Hittite!

Psalm 51

This Psalm records David's repentance before God after Nathan was sent to expose his sins recorded in 2 Samuel 11-12.

Further Study & Discussion

- Which verse speaks loudly to you and why?
- Verses 16-17 addresses the topic of offering. God is not pleased with offerings presented without heart, without a broken and contrite heart. What does this mean? And how does that change how we are to present offerings of thanks before God?

Psalm 103

This Psalm follows God's response to David's repentance. Of course, God accepted David's heartfelt repentance and forgave him.

Further Study & Discussion

- In the larger picture, General Uriah is still dead. How would you account for God's forgiving spirit? What about Uriah?
- Talk about a verse that comforts you most.