

**DAVID – SHAPING A SHEPHERD PART 8**  
**“THE DANGER OF COVERING UP”**

**II SAMUEL 11**

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**INTRODUCTION**

- Two names that intrigue us in David’s life, Goliath and Bathsheba.
- When we don’t submit our flesh to His Spirit we are in great danger.
- David had lived 17 years in prosperity.
- Easy to lose your way...when life’s a breeze.
- II Samuel 11:4, “David sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, he lay with her...The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, “I am pregnant.”

**I. A DARK AND DOWNWARD SPIRAL**

- Always starts with not managing our eyes and then our hearts.
- Vss. 2-6 - He slept with Uriah’s wife.
- A guy who had self-control lost it. He had power and he overused it.
- But she conceived and she tells David.
- A crossroads...confess or cover up.
- Once you begin with deception it is a downward spiral.
- David believed his power and money could control his sin...never.
- Vss. 6-13 - Uriah has the character David has lost.

**II. SO MUCH IS LOST COVERING UP**

- Hiding never works. The consequences of the cover-up was huge, not just the sin, but the cover up.

- He never ruled with the same authority or possibility.
- David looked back with a broken heart.
- The thing with Bathsheba was weakness.
- But the cover up was willful.
- Why is it so hard just to be real?
- Fear insecurity and pride...rejection
- Deceit and intimacy cannot coexist.

**III. THE WAY BACK**

- Jesus died so I don’t have to cover up.
- So, I can open up.
- But you cannot open up and cover up.
- Romans 5:6-8, “...But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”
- God is for you no matter how bad you have been.
- Turn to Him not away = Confession...own it.
- Repent - Stop what you are doing.
- Restitution – Make it right.

**CLOSE**

When is confession appropriate? James 5:16

- 1<sup>st</sup> - When you have to lie to cover something in the past or present.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - When you have falsely represented something tell the truth...so they can love you for who you really are.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - When you are covering up something...an activity, relationship or habit that is impacting the present.
- Psalm 51:1-19 - David’s life when he hid his sin.
  - Sin is dark and dangerous, but the love of God is eternal and will never change.