

EASIER SAID THAN DONE

(part 2)

In **2 Samuel 11:2**, we see where that temptation begins for David. The passage says, "It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful." Neither were doing anything wrong. David was doing what he normally did as a king, walking around and looking at his kingdom. Bathsheba was doing what she was supposed to do as well. We see in verse 4 that she was completing her purification rites that God had commanded of women in **Leviticus 15**. But when David saw her, his own lust began to rule in his heart. Even when he found out who she was married to it didn't stop him because he was so enticed and that enticement carried him to go forward in sin. This is not unlike the sexual struggles in this day and age. With social media and internet websites, it becomes easier for men and women to lust after others and as it enters into our hearts it can destroy men, women, and entire families. When David chose to act on his desires of the flesh, he conceived and gave birth to sin.

The line was crossed and the door was opened in David's heart which became the source of all the sins that followed. The sin of lying and trying to cover up what he had done by sending Uriah back to Bathsheba and then the sin of sending Uriah to the front line and having him killed. As James said, "when sin is fully grown, it brings forth death." Think about how powerful full grown sin is. Think of Joseph's brothers. We see in **Genesis 37** that when his father gave him a coat of many colors, **verse 4** says that when they saw how much Jacob loved Joseph, "they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him." They continued to be envious of the coat and what it represented, along with the dreams that Joseph had and as sin became full grown in them, some of his brothers even wanted to kill him. They became callous as well. When they finally sold Joseph into slavery, they brought back his coat that they tore and covered in blood and gave it to their father. They watched as their father grieved the loss of his son and the callousness brought on by the sin in their lives kept them from telling the truth. Because the brothers had already given birth to sin by getting rid of Joseph, the sin continued to grow and add more sin in their lives by

lying to their father and continuing to cover up what they had actually done.

Isaiah 30:1 says, "Ah, stubborn children," declares the Lord "who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin." As sin grows in our lives, it makes us become callous and stubborn, and all it does is stack more sins on top of it. Sins to cover up what we have done and sins to justify our actions. But those sins can be avoided. For David, all he needed to do was to remember the words of God that he stored up in his heart. If he would have remembered what he had studied from the life of Joseph, maybe he wouldn't have done what he did. If only he would have remembered what Joseph said to Potiphar's wife in **Genesis 39:9**, "How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" As said all along, some things are easier said than done.

So does that mean we are hopeless or does that mean we have no chance? Even though we know how to keep from having temptation in our lives by studying God's word, does that mean we are doomed to follow the same path of Joseph's brothers and David? By no means! Although temptation is brought on because of our own desires, we still have an escape.

1 Corinthians 10:13 tells us, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." God will help us overcome all temptations that come our way. Not only that, but He gave us the greatest escape by sending His own son to die for us. Full grown sin brings forth death and there is no way around that, but God has a gift for those who want an escape. **Romans 6:23** says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Andrew Spivey

*"But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth."
2 Timothy 4:17*

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – 2 Chronicles ch. 25-27;

2 Kings 14-15

Wednesday Read – Jonah 1-2



Questions for last week's reading of;

Review of 2 Kings ch. 11-13;

2 Chronicles 24:17-18; Joel.

Questions:

1. What was the covenant that Jehoiada made between the Lord and the king and the people?
2. Why do you think Joash did not stay faithful to God?
3. How did God punish the people during the time of Joel?
4. When Jehoash held the arrow at his visit to Elisha, what did the arrow represent?
5. Why did Elisha become angry when Jehovah struck the ground with the arrow 3 times?

FIRST SUNDAY SINGING

Nashville Road will be hosting the 1st Sunday Singing on **Sunday July 7, at 2:30pm**. Please make plans to come and enjoy the fellowship of singing.

SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy to **Andrew and Taylor Spivey & Tonya Farren**, on the passing of their aunt, **Karen Peterson**, who passed away on June 13. The funeral was held in Florida.

Our love and sympathy to **Tarina Brown** on the passing of her aunt, **Gayle Garrison** on Sunday, June 16th. Graveside services were held on June 19th. A memorial service will be held on July 7th.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Thursday July 4th** in observance of Independence Day.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

June 23, 2024

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Eric Stephenson
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Scripture Reading.....Jason Sever
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
Servers.....R. Buck, C. Nelsen, C. Newby
C. Suddarth, Z. Tooley, T. Strickland

Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Rick Gallagher
Closing Prayer.....Kevin Siler

WEDNESDAY

June 26, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Matt Ellis
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Jim Cherry

Ushers for June.....T. Cummins & A. Williamson
Communion Care for June.....Samantha Harvell

Door Greeters – West Door.....B/M Smith
East Door.....E/D Stephenson
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Julie Cummins

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Andy Boner is doing much better. **Ann Tyler** is at NHC. **Charles & Jackie Williams**, Charles is improving, Jackie had shots instead of the ablation last week. **Virginia Long**, sister of Gary Stallcup, has a parathyroid illness and is bedridden. **Paul Gruber** neighbor of Bob & Sherry Sever has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. He is now undergoing a new drug therapy for the next few months. **Larry Bailey**, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with liver cancer. Surgery for the removal of tumors has been postponed.

SHUT-INS

Jean Deaton;
Melba Hill; NHC 140 Throne Blvd. Gallatin rm 2010
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James Spivey.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	107
Morning Worship.....	160
Sunday Evening.....	61
Wednesday Evening.....	91
Contribution.....	\$7,640.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,006.00

PRAYER LIST

James & Mary Spivey; **Charlie Cliburn;** **Ottis Cothron;** **Sara Hosman;** **Anita Cato;** **Shauna Lockett;** **Tony Perry;** **Jean Knowles;** **Zach Tooley;** **Mary Ann Reinhart;** **Faye Hart;** **Shelby Ross;** **Sandi Jones;** **Lena Baggett;** **Maxine Cothron;** **Pat Watson;** **Frances Catron;** **Pat Crump;** **Heather Lemley** daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley. **Elaine Reynolds,** friend of Christie Coleman; **Alan Greene,** nephew of Carl & Pam Newby; **Bethany Shoulders,** granddaughter of Evelyn Harris; **Samantha Hager,** friend of June Thompson; **Bryan Grissom** cousin to Joyce Clark & Robbie Glover; **Vycki Puckett,** daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; **Ty Tyler** son of Ann Tyler; **Wade Kennedy** father of Diana Stephenson; **Ida Lou Sherrill,** mother of Alex Sherrill; **Taylor Lackford,** niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford,** nephew of Brenda Veale; **Larry Conley,** friend of Wanda Proctor; **Harold Cole,** friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter,** sister of Janice Johnson; **Walter Wooten,** brother of Wanda Sherrill; **Aza Topik,** grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals.

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