

INTRODUCTION

Success seemed to follow David in every battle, But with success comes the dangers of a battle ended. Sometimes navigating the times of peace and prosperity can be just as much a battle as in times of open war. There are lessons we all can learn so that we remain victorious even when the battle ceases!

READ THE STORY

2 SAMUEL 11

STUDY THE WORD

1. Was it normal for kings to stay at home while their armies fought in battles? Compare David's decision to Uriah's decision to sleep in the gate rather than his own bed.

2 Sam. 11:1 2 Sam. 10:17-18 2 Sam. 8:1-14 **2 Sam. 11:11**

2. What wars do we fight when we are idle and alone, that we don't fight when we are active with others? Discuss how God has given us rest, and how that is different from idleness?

1 Tim. 5:13 Heb 6:11-12 Prov. 6:6-8 Exod. 23:12 Eccl. 9:10
Col. 3:21 2Thess. 3:10 Prov. 27:23

3. What dangerous attitude did Jesus warn that prosperity can create? What life principles could you adopt in your life to avoid being overcome by this same attitude?

2 Sam. 11:2 **Luke 12:16-21** Prov. 6:10

4. Did David sin when he saw Bathsheba bathing? At what point did David sin? What can you do to keep yourself from crossing the line of sin in your own life?

Matt. 5:27-28 Job 31:1 Prov 6:25 1 Jhn. 2:16

5. List the specific commandments that David broke in his sin with Bathsheba and efforts to hide his sin? Who died as a result of this one sin?*

Exod. 20:3-17 Prov. 28:13 2 Sam. 11:17 2 Sam. 12:14

* By David's example one of his sons slept with his sister, causing the death of the son, the fleeing of David from his kingdom, and the death of Absalom.

LIFE APPLICATION

Identity: In question #2, we talked about our unique struggles when we are idle and alone. How can taking on the identity of a community like a church help protect you from some of these struggles?

Purpose: How can a life lived with and for others bring greater meaning than a life lived for self and alone?

Relationship: What are some things you could do today to replace idleness with relationships?
