

# Notes & Quotes – February 1, 2009

## David & Bathsheba

### 2 Samuel 11

#### Six Symptoms of Spiritual Altitude Sickness...

2 Samuel 11:1

*In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.*

- **You start believing you no longer have to be where you are supposed to be**

2 Samuel 11:2-5

*2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, 3 and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"*

*4 Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (She had purified herself from her uncleanness.) Then she went back home. 5 The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."*

- **Your vision gets blurry** – you stop seeing people the way God sees them
- **Your hearing gets selective** – you stop hearing what you need to hear and only listen to what you want to hear
- **Your mind gets fuzzy** – you start day dreaming about escapist sins –  
I see, I want, I take – caving to the cravings of the flesh

2 Samuel 11:6-18

*6 So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. 7 When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. 8 Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. 9 But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house. 10 When David was told, "Uriah did not go home," he asked him, "Haven't you just come from a distance? Why didn't you go home?" 11 Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my master Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open fields. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and lie with my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!" 12 Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. 13 At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home. 14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. 15 In it he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die." 16 So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. 17 When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died. 18 Joab sent David a full account of the battle.*

- **You're convinced you can manipulate your way out of virtually any situation**

2 Samuel 11:26-27

*26 When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. 27 After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.*

- **You forget God...and that you're not Him**

*"God has receded into the background, and David has stepped up front and center. The more David, the less God. The less David is paying attention to God, the more he's acting as if he were God, acting like a god in relation to*

Bathsheba, pulling her into the orbit of his will so that she's dependent upon him; acting like a god in relation to Uriah and giving the commands that determine his fate." – Eugene Peterson

**The sin is not the ascent itself,  
the sin is in who David became while he ascended.**

**When you forget God, you start getting mixed up about your role in this life – you start trying to play God when you're not God, and the net result is an *entitlement* rooted in *self-reliance*.**

- What formerly caused you to say *thank you*,  
now causes you to say *it's about time*.
- What formerly caused you to respond in gratitude,  
now causes you to say *that's how it's supposed to be*.
- What formerly you received as a gift,  
now has become an entitled possession.