2 Samuel Lesson 12 (2022)

**DAVID AND BATHSHEBA**

2 Samuel 11:1-27

Key Verse: 11:27b

**Open it:**

1. In what ways do you agree or disagree with the adage “Power corrupts”?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 1-5. Where was David while the Israelite army was engaged in the battle against the Ammonites? (1) What did David observe from the palace’s roof one night? How did David misuse his authority as king about the woman he observed? (3-5)
2. Read verses 6-7. After David found out Bathsheba was pregnant, what did he do next? (6) What was David’s pretext for sending for Uriah from the battlefront? (7)
3. Read verses 8-13. Where did David send Uriah after he spoke with him? (8) Why didn’t Uriah take David up on the invitation to go to his own home? (9-11) What ploy did David try to get Uriah to go home to his wife? (13)
4. Read verses 14-17. When Uriah did not go home, what message did David send back to Joab? (14-15) What steps did Joab take to fulfill the king’s wishes? (16-17) How did one sin lead to another and another in David’s case?
5. Read verses 18-25. What specific instructions did Joab give to the messenger in case David grew angry at the losses taken by the Israelites? (18-21) How did David receive the news of the battle when he realized that his purpose had been accomplished about Uriah? (25)
6. Read verses 26-27. How did Bathsheba react to the death of Uriah the Hittite? (26) How did David treat Bathsheba once her husband was out of the way? (27) How did God feel about what David had done? How does a position of authority exaggerate the human tendency to take what we want?

**Apply it:**

1. What can you do to maintain respect for people in how you use power and authority? How can you break the cycle the next time you commit one sin to cover up another?