
SERMON OUTLINE

How godly people fall

(David and Bathsheba)

2 Samuel 11:1-5

- I. Our dangerous attitudes weaken us to sinful temptations (2 Samuel 11:1-2a).
 - A. Arrogance: Success can breed arrogance and a sense of invincibility.
 - B. Entitlement: Discomfort can lead us to believe we deserve more comfort and pleasure.
 - C. Boredom: Laziness can lead to sin because we are not actively pursuing something worthy.

- II. The deceptive process of sin takes us from seeing to thinking to doing (2 Samuel 11:2b-4a).
 - A. Attraction: Seeing something appealing
 - The process of sin begins with what we see (Genesis 3:6-7; 34:2; Joshua 7:21 etc.)
 - B. Dissatisfaction: Desiring and pursuing our longing
 - We are responsible for how we think about what we see (Philippians 4:8; James 1:13-15).
 - C. Insanity: Yielding to sin leads to destruction.
 - “Sin makes you stupid.”

- III. Dreaded exposure eventually follows the sins we ignore (2 Samuel 11:4b-5).
 - A. Getting used to getting by with sin (4b)
 - Sin deceives us so that we don’t think it’s a problem (Hebrews 3:12-13).
 - B. Getting caught in sin (5)
 - We are accountable to God who sees all (Numbers 32:23; Psalm 33:13-15; Hebrews 4:12-13).