

# Recovering from Failure Follow God's Heart – Part 4

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1 Peter 5:8 (ESV) *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

James 1:14 (ESV) *But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.*

James 1:15 (ESV) *Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.*

## 1. Resist the lure of \_\_\_\_\_

2 Samuel 11:1 (ESV) *In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.*

2 Samuel 11:2 (ESV) *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.*

2 Samuel 11:4-5 (ESV) *So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."*

## 2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your sin

2 Samuel 11:8-9 (ESV) *Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.*

2 Samuel 11:14-15 (ESV) *In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront*

*of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die."*

2 Samuel 11:27 (ESV) *And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.*

## 3. Respond to God's \_\_\_\_\_

2 Samuel 12:1 (ESV) *And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor.*

2 Samuel 12:7 (ESV) *Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.*

2 Samuel 12:9 (ESV) *Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.*

2 Samuel 12:13 (ESV) *David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.*

### Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (2 Samuel 11-12)  
 Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Recovering from Failure Study Guide

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Intro. In what ways does the devil devour people (1 Peter 5:8)?

Intro. How does an external temptation interact with a person's desires (James 1:14)?

Intro. When does desire give birth to sin and how can it be stopped (James 1:15)?

1A. What was wrong with David's actions in 2 Samuel 11:1?

1B. How did David's actions in the previous verse lead to this powerful temptation (2 Samuel 11:2)?

1C. In what ways did David use his power to give in to temptation (2 Samuel 11:4-5)?

1D. Why does pursuing God's plan for your life protect from temptation? In what ways does idleness open the door for temptation?

2A. How was David trying to cover up his sin by attempting to get Uriah to go to his house (1 Samuel 11:8-9)?

2B. Why did David decide to have Uriah killed (2 Samuel 11:14-15)?

2C. What were the multiple ways that David had displeased the Lord (2 Samuel 11:27)?

2D. What are some of the ways that you are tempted to cover up your sins?

3A. How did Nathan's story bring conviction to David for his sin (1 Samuel 12:1)?

3B. Why did God's previous blessing on David make his sin even more serious (2 Samuel 12:9)?

3C. What does David's confession of his sin tell us about his heart (2 Samuel 12:13)?

3D. How can you grow to be more sensitive to the conviction of the Holy Spirit?