

SERMON SERIES: The Calling: The Trials of a King
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Key Line

When we open a package before we're supposed to or we take something we're not supposed to have, it ruins something that was supposed to be good.

Introduction

Tell about a time when you wanted something you couldn't have yet.

- Why do you think there are things we want and don't get to have yet.

Seek the Word

Read 2 Samuel 12:1-9.

- Why did Samuel tell this story to David?
- What was David's reaction?

Read 2 Samuel 11 or retell the story of David and Bathsheba.

- What time of year was this, according to verse 1? (*The time when kings go to war.*)
- What was David supposed to be doing? What was he doing instead? (*Going to war; hanging out in the palace and sending his men to war. Couldn't sleep and went on the rooftop instead..*)
- What was Bathsheba doing when David saw her? (*Bathing—according to the word used for "bathing" here shows us that this was the ceremonial bathing that women were commanded to do after the end of their menstrual cycle, so she was in a special place in the community that was designated for the women to bathe. She was not tempting him or trying to seduce him but was instead doing what she was required to do in order to be faithful.*)
- David noticed that Bathsheba was beautiful. Noticing her beauty wasn't sinful. What did he do that was sinful? (*He sent someone to find out about her and sent for her to visit him.*)
- What happened as a result of them sleeping together? (*She got pregnant.*)
- What did David do to cover up his sin? (*Had Uriah, her husband, killed in battle so he could marry her.*)

Read 2 Samuel 12:11-15.

- What was David's response when Samuel pointed out his sin? (*He repented and admitted his sin.*)
- Did David escape the consequences of his sin because he was repentant? (*No. He still suffered the consequences.*)

Talk About It

David had everything he wanted. Still he was restless.

- Why do you think he thought he deserved this woman?
- What happens when we do not focus on the purpose God has given us?
- How does this affect the people around us?