



SERMON NOTES

November 1, 2020

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Why do I need to hear this passage of Scripture?

What's the big idea of this passage?

What are the main takeaways walking through this passage?

What must I do with what I've heard?

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is to make fervent and obedient disciples for Jesus Christ.*

LIVING OUT THE WORD

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COMMUNICATE: In this story, who was the righteous man? David, king of Israel, with the best track record of almost any man in the Bible, comes up evil; yet Uriah, a Hittite, born to a people devoted by God to destruction, shines in purity and devotion to God! What matters more: faith in your ancestry and your past, or faithfulness right now? (1-6)

CULTIVATE: Would that we used our creativity and intensity for good instead of evil! David had always labored to do what is right; now, to cover his sin, he keeps plotting to hide his sin (6-17). Have you noticed how focused we become when we try to cover our sinfulness? What abundant fruit would such intensity *for* the Lord create in you?

CULTURE: Uriah stays united in spirit with his men in the field. His solidarity with them guides his unflinching discipline at home (8-13). David, however, abuses Joab's openness to shedding blood (2 Sam. 2-3) and wrongly puts Uriah, a valiant and loyal soldier, to death (14-25). What company are you keeping? Or rather: what company keeps *you*?

CARE: David tries to look like a good guy by taking the widowed wife of Uriah into his house as his wife, providing for her like his great-grandfather Boaz did for Ruth (26-27). But this "care" is tainted by adultery and murder! Instead of covering over or making up for our sin by a grand, public, caring deed, why is repenting more important?

CELEBRATE: Who has been missing in this chapter? We have no reference to the LORD God by name until the very last word of the last verse! Is it any wonder that we struggle to find a reason to celebrate in the worship of God as we read this chapter? How often has God's name been on your lips and on your mind today? (27)

AIM: The final lesson of the chapter is this: "The thing that David had done displeased the LORD" (27b). His adultery with Bathsheba (1-5) is not counted as a separate sin from his attempts to mislead Uriah (6-13) or his murder of Uriah by his enemies (14-17). How does our sin snowball on us? And how must we break free from growing sin?