

# How to Fall From Greatness

Final part of the series, "Made for Greatness: After God's Heart"

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## 2 Samuel 11:1-6 NIV

### How to fall from greatness:

- **Neglect your God-given responsibilities.**

*"In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war...David remained in Jerusalem." (v. 1)*

- **Push away the people closest to you.**

*"...David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army..." (v. 1)*

- **Allow power and pride to lead to entitlement.**

*"One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, <sup>3</sup>and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, 'She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.'<sup>4</sup>Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her." (v. 2-4)*

- **Attempt to cover up your mistake. (2 Samuel 11:7-25 NIV)**

*"When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord." (2 Samuel 11:26-27 NIV)*

## 2 Samuel 12:1-14 NIV

### Lessons from the road to redemption:

1. **God's grace is available when we repent.**

*"Then David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Nathan replied, 'The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.'" (v. 13)*

2. **Forgiven sin still has consequences.**

*"...The sword will never depart from your house...<sup>11</sup>Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight.<sup>12</sup>You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'" (v. 10-12)*

*"...The son born to you will die." (v. 14)*

3. **God can bring good out of our mistakes.**

*"Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and made love to her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The Lord loved him; and because the Lord loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah." (2 Samuel 12:24-25 NIV)*

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 NIV)*