

Sad to see that David slept with someone else's wife

Bible passage

2 Samuel 11: 1-5 *David makes Bathsheba pregnant*

5 The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, 'I am pregnant.'
(NIV)

The words "I am pregnant" can express great joy—and perhaps the answer to prayer! However, these words can also be an expression of dismay and disillusionment if they come as a result of a passionate fling. These three words, "I am pregnant," completely changed the lives of a soldier's wife and David, one of the most popular figures in the Bible.

The stories in the Bible are wonderful because they relate to real life. The story of David and Bathsheba is no exception. This story has stirred people's imagination through the ages. The author uses the "empty spaces" in the story to involve us as readers. Did Bathsheba's husband know what was going on between her and David? Was the adulterous deed rape, or did Bathsheba try to seduce David? Did Bathsheba perhaps exploit the situation in an attempt to become queen? Or Did David fall victim to circumstances? We will never know the answers to these questions for sure, but we do know that David's (and Bathsheba's) fling had an unhappy ending.

David most likely wished that he could turn back the clock when he heard those three words from Bathsheba: "I am pregnant." This episode teaches us that when we make choices, we should always be aware of the consequences—and always prepared to bear them.

Prayer

Lord, help me to make level-headed choices under all circumstances.

Today's Quote

It's choice – not chance – that determines your destiny.

—Jean Nidetch

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