

The Man After God's Own Heart

When Everyone Knows Your Sin

2 Samuel 11.1-5

You can't really choose to honor God if you're gonna choose to sin.

The Most Famous Sin In The Bible

David stopped doing what God called him to do.

11 In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem.

When you neglect what God has called you to do you open yourself up to sin.

David considered temptation.

2 Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance. 3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

Because David did not do what God called him to do, David was tempted to sin.

David surrendered to sin.

4 David sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, he lay with her; and when she had purified herself from her uncleanness, she returned to her house. 5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "I am pregnant."

2 Sam. 11.27 But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord.

You don't stumble into sin. You choose to sin.

Sin long enough, sin big enough, and everyone will know your sin.

You cannot honor God while choosing to pursue sin.

If you choose sin long enough, eventually everyone will know.

If you choose to focus on honoring God it's difficult to choose sin.

Honoring God is not just a private matter. It is a public one as well.