

**Fighting Bedroom Blindness Part 2**  
(How Can Leaders Be Bedroom Blind?)

..For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more. (Luke 12:48, NKJV)

**September 13, 2015**  
**Text 2 Samuel 11:1-5**

**I. David's Greatest Moment of Bedroom Blindness**  
(Three indications he was headed to trouble)

**1. His Priorities: He took off too many days**

- **11:1** It happened in the spring of the year, at **the time when kings go out to battle**, that **David sent Joab and his servants with him**, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

**2. His Placement: He was in the wrong place**

- **2** Then it happened **one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house**. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.

**3. His Pursuits: He asked for unnecessary information** (he had wives and concubines)

- **3** So **David sent and inquired about the woman**. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" **4** Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. **5** And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child."

**Note: His blindness caused him to ignore seven important facts**

1. She never meant to be a temptation to David; she was bathing alone
2. She was the daughter of Eliam, one of his top thirty mighty men (2 Samuel 23:34)
3. She may have been the granddaughter of Ahithophel (some disagree)
4. She was the wife of a faithful soldier Uriah that died believing in David ( cf.11:14-27)
5. She was vulnerable and powerless (David had the power and advantage)
6. She was forced to live a life that was unfair to her and her family (Bathsheba)
7. He devastated the confidence of some of his closest leaders (Eliam)

**Note Research: Who was Eliam?**

- Eliam was the father of David's wife Bathsheba. Another name for Eliam in scripture was Ammiel (1 Chr. 3:5).
- Eliam was the sixth son of Obed-edom, who, along with his family, served as gatekeepers in the temple during David's reign (1 Chr. 26:5, 15).

**Note:** David's violation for one family ran deep and personal. It sent a signal to all of his leaders that nobody was safe.

**Question: How old was David when he had a relationship with Bathsheba?**

He started leading at 30 years old (2 Sam. 5:4) and he is said to have reigned 40 years (1 Kings 2:11). He had, according to some scholars, eighteen wives not including concubines. He could have easily chosen to be with one of these wives. But, he chose Bathsheba. This would mean he was approximately ten years into his role as a leader if we side with the 40 year old estimate of this event. **He was a 40 year old successful leader struggling with boredom.**

**II. David's Predictable Outcome Because of His Blindness**

1. Abuse of others
2. Embarrassment
3. Loss of life
4. Family infection (see Part 3)

**III. What Potentially Caused David's Blindness**

1. Early access and addiction
2. How he managed his time
3. How he managed his relationships
4. How he managed his appetites
5. How he responded to advice
6. How he was able to silence those around him (**I have seen this too often**)
7. How he avoided an immediate consequence (It took one year)

**Conclusion:****IV. One Thing That Made His Blindness Different  
(2 Samuel 12:13-15)**

13 So David said to Nathan, **"I have sinned against the Lord."** And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die." 15 Then Nathan departed to his house.

**1. How he repented without excuse or blame of others****2. How he embraced his consequences****Next Week: Passing Bedroom Blindness to Our Children** (2 Samuel 13; Ephesians 6:1-4)

- David allowed his blindness to be passed down to his children unchecked
- Is your blindness going to become a generational problem for years to come?
- Is your blindness making it hard for your children to follow you and your example?

**Final Week: Which Bedroom Blindness is Worse?**

- This is the week where I will answer some tough questions about Bedroom Blindness. I have been sent some bold and wonderful questions you don't want to miss. Be sure to send your questions to [pastor@overcomingbyfaith.org](mailto:pastor@overcomingbyfaith.org)