David’s 2nd Look

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Text: II Samuel 11

### Intro

1. II Samuel 11 records one of the most infamous accounts in Old Testament history: The lowest point in King David’s life.
   1. David’s army is out battling the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah because…Spring Time! But David stays in Jerusalem.
   2. He has trouble sleeping one night and walks along his roof (innocently) and then sees a beautiful woman bathing.
   3. He didn’t avert his eyes: he took a 2nd look, which led to him inquiring about her.
   4. He finds out she is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, one of his mighty men (II Samuel 11:3; 23:34), which makes her the granddaughter of Ahithophel the Gilonite, the king’s counselor (I Chronicles 27:33) and the wife of Uriah the Hittite, one of his mighty men (II Samuel 23:39).
   5. He took a 3rd look and asked her to be brought to him. It didn’t even matter if she was married or not because David was married!
   6. He committed adultery with her (II Samuel 11:4), which could also qualify as rape.
   7. By the end of the chapter we find out Bathsheba is pregnant, he tries to cover up his sin and ends up murdering her husband Uriah the Hittite, marries her and she bears him a son, and David thinks he has gotten away with it all.
   8. It all comes to light in II Samuel 12. David admits sin and is forgiven but has judgment pronounced upon him and the consequences start with the death of his child with Bathsheba.
   9. While David did it in secret and tried to cover up his murder of Uriah the Hittite (II Samuel 12:9-12), God doesn’t allow the record to forget Uriah but says his name 27 times, including in the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1:6.
2. When it comes to using social media, something innocent in and of itself, there are dangers and lessons we can learn from David in II Samuel 11 as we talk about David’s 2nd Look!

#### Don’t Take the 2nd Look

* 1. We are going to imagine David in today’s world using Facebook. It really can work for any social media.
     1. David is up late, having trouble sleeping, so he mindlessly scrolls through his social media account, in this example: Facebook.
        1. There is nothing evil or sinister in this, but innocently done, just as in David walking along his roof top. Probably something he had done many times before.
     2. Scrolling…
        1. He may come across a post saying, “Just missing my husband Uriah the Hittite! Wish I could see him in battle! Hope he is safe!” Just keeps scrolling without even looking who posted it.
        2. Then he comes across something startling! A little later he scrolls upon a picture of a beautiful woman showering outside! The post says, “Going to take a shower on the rooftop overlooking the city of Jerusalem at night! Perfect temp. What could go wrong?” He doesn’t see the “Censored” version.
        3. He could keep scrolling or…take a 2nd look.
        4. He decides he wants to know more about her and takes a 2nd look…
     3. The 2nd Look
        1. He clicks on her Profile and sees she is married to Uriah the Hittite.
        2. Her About Page reveals she is the daughter of Eliam, meaning both her father and her husband are Mighty Men! (II Samuel 23:34, 39)
        3. The family ramifications go deeper in that it also means she is the granddaughter of his counselor, Ahithophel the Gilonite, the man whose word is like listening to the voice of God (II Samuel 23:34; 16:23; I Chr. 27:33).
        4. He should stop looking! But he doesn’t.
        5. Knowing full well who she is, married to one of his Mighty Men, Uriah the Hittite, and daughter of one of his Mighty Men, he contacts her and sends for her.
  2. This story could be any of our story!
     1. Something innocent can turn so wrong.
     2. You could be innocently out shopping and see someone dressed immodestly. You have a choice: Keep walking, averting your eyes, or take a 2nd look.
     3. You could be innocently scrolling through Facebook or Instagram or whatever social media account you enjoy and encounter provocative pictures or videos of someone immodestly dressed or posed. You have a choice: Close the app, keep scrolling, or take a 2nd look.
     4. Social media makes it so easy to take a 2nd look: You can click their profile and learn as much about them as they are willing to post.
     5. If you are married it doesn’t matter if they are or not.
     6. If you are single or married, it still matters what we purposefully look at and seek after (Philippians 4:8: Dwell on things that are excellent, pure and honorable).
  3. Don’t take the 2nd look!

## Conclusion

1. Something innocent can turn sinful when we take a 2nd look.
   1. David had many opportunities to look away.
   2. He could have averted his eyes or went back into his room.
   3. When he inquired of her and found out who she was, her marital status and family history, he could have let the matter drop.
   4. But he sent for her and sinned.
2. When you are using social media you have lots of opportunities to look away!
   1. You can close the app, you can keep scrolling, you can refresh the page.
3. Don’t use social media to play with fire by engaging with immorality and immodesty, and thus commit the sin of the lust of the flesh or the lust of the eyes (I John 2:15-17).
4. Learn the lesson from David: Look away!