2 Samuel 11:1-5
In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. ² 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, ³ 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." ⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. ⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

Who is Bathsheba? Name means daughter of an oath.
- Bathsheba was the daughter of Eliam, one of David's mighty men.
- Possibly the granddaughter of Ahithophel, David's counselor.
    - Ahithophel will rejoin the story when we turn our eyes to the story of David and Absalom.
- The wife of Uriah the Hittite, another of David's most loyal and mighty men.

Questioning The Text: Was Bathsheba in any way responsible for this sinful act?
- The text in no way ever puts any blame upon Bathsheba.

Bathsheba was not defined by her shame and she never identified as a victim.

After the murder of Uriah, she became the wife of David, and mother of five sons by him. The first died in infancy. The others were Solomon, Shimea, Shobub and Nathan. She is mentioned in our Lord's genealogy as "her that had been the wife of Uriah". (Matthew 1:6).

Questioning The Text: Why would God allow his son to be born through a family line marred with betrayal, murder and adultery?
- **Grace:** Unmerited Favor
    - **Ephesians 2:8-9** *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.*
- **Redemption:** *God loves to mend that which was broken, find that which was lost and redeem that which taken captive.*
    - **Joel 2:25** *I will restore to you the years, that the swarming locust has eaten.*

Bathsheba also has a legacy of royal wisdom: Proverbs 1:8-9 Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

- Some believe that she is the author of Proverbs 31.
- The Proverbs have a lot to say about women. Many believe that these sayings were inspired by Solomon's mother Bathsheba.
    - **Proverbs 25:24** *Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.*
    - **Proverbs 31:11** *A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.*
    - **Proverbs 1:20** *Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square...*

Bathsheba sits upon the throne: 1 Kings 2:19 *When Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, the king stood up to meet her, bowed down to her and sat down on his throne. He had a throne brought for the king's mother, and she sat down at his right hand.*

Food For The Journey: Use these questions to go deeper in personal reflection or in one of our community groups.

1. Pastor Adam showed how Bathsheba's legacy was not defined by her shame. What are some ways we cannot let our past errors define us?
2. The bible is a story of grace and God allows Jesus to come through the line of Bathsheba. How much do you think about grace and do you allow yourself enough time to bask in God's grace?
3. How would living a life defined by grace change the culture of your life?
4. Bathsheba was a woman of wisdom. How much do you consider wisdom? It's easy to just live and not rely on seeking wisdom. What are ways we can get wisdom?
5. Bathsheba ends up on a throne. Jesus says that we are also royalty (1 Peter 2:9) What would it look like if you got in touch with this fact?