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La Jolla Christian Fellowship  
**Shame Of Thrones : The Story Of David And Bathsheba**  
**Episode 3: All The King's Horses.**  
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## 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.** <sup>2</sup> 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, <sup>3</sup> 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." <sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. Then she went back home. <sup>5</sup> The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

### Keys For Avoiding Collapse

1. Live in season.
2. Be the king.
3. Stay stuck in community.
4. Have a plan for the moment of temptation.

#### 1. Live in season— Allow God to set your pace.

**Vs. 1** *In the spring, at the time **when kings go off to war...***

- David had allowed a season of divine rest to become a period of meaningless stagnation.
  - The rest of God is always strategic.
- **Ecclesiastes 3:1** *To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.*
  - Where am I out of season? \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Be The King

- **Vs. 1** *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.*
- David had lived a life beyond his enemies assessment of him but now accepted a life beneath his calling.
  - **Revelation 1:6** *And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*
  - What needs to change for you to accept God's definition of you? \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Stay Stuck In Community

- **Vs. 1b** *David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army (into battle). They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. **But David remained in Jerusalem.***
  - Personal victory is often found behind the defenses of corporate triumph.
  - **Hebrews 10:24-25** *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*
  - Where can I add righteous community into my life? \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Have a plan for the moment of temptation.

- **Vs. 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.*
  - David had inadvertently been preparing for temptation.
    - Temptation is best overcome long before it arrives.
      - **Matthew 26:41** *"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

Where can I build protection in my life against temptation?

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

1. David was living "out of season". This is like wearing shorts in the dead of winter. Where might you be "out of season"?
2. David was living beneath his calling after having lived a life beyond his enemies definition. How might your definition of yourself need to change? How hard is that to do?
3. Personal victory is often found behind the defenses of corporate triumph. Where might you need to dig deeper into corporate community.
4. We are all tempted, but as we see in scripture, temptation is often overcome before it arrives. Could you add anything to your spiritual life that would add in overcoming the moment of temptation?
5. Over the last two weeks we have looked at David and Bathsheba. Whom do you most identify with in this story and what is the key lesson you have learned from the scripture?