

STUDY GUIDE

2 Samuel 11:1-27

“Prone to Wander”

- 1) What are the positive and negative implications of Warren Wiersbe’s statement that, “The Bible never flatters its heroes. All the men and women of Scripture have feet of clay”?

- 2) Beginning with 2 Samuel 11:1 - identify each sin King David committed in this story. Which of the Ten Commandments did he violate? Outside of God, who else did King David sin against?

- 3) What are the five behaviors/attitudes that caused King David to fall into the sin of lust? What can we do to keep ourselves from falling into each of these behaviors/attitudes?

- 4) Who else became involved in David’s sin? How does sin expand beyond affecting just us personally?

- 5) David married Bathsheba after her time of mourning so the child would not appear to be born out of wedlock. In what ways might we manipulate situations to hide our sin?

- 6) Discuss the implication of the statement: *“But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.”*

- 7) We should not ever be surprised at what we might be capable of because even the best men and women in the biblical record had their faults and failures. In what areas are you prone to wander?

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. . . . Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God,’ for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death”

James 1:2-4; 12-15