

Bible Study 9 - Facing temptation - 2 Samuel 11

Between April 2013 and July 2015 “the Australian Royal Commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse” held 3,704 private sessions and made 657 referrals to authorities. The commission is examining the history of abuse in educational institutions, religious groups, sporting organisations, state institutions and youth organisations. Their public hearings have involved the following churches: Anglican, Catholic, Salvation Army, Hillsong, Uniting, and Jehovah’s Witnesses. Today we see that godly king David was also involved in a scandal.

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| The context (1 Sam 8 - 2 Sam 10) | David was the second king over Israel (1040–970BC). He ruled in Jerusalem. During his reign the ark of the covenant is brought to Jerusalem after being in Philistia. God gives David great promises (fame & dynasty) and military victories. David shows friendship to Mephibosheth (Saul’s grandson). |
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PART 1 Read and summarise each section – 2 Samuel 11:1-27

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| Adultery (v.1-5) | |
| Cover up (v.6-13) | |
| Murder v.14-17) | |
| Report (v.18-25) | |
| Response (v.26-27) | |

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What I learnt about God.

2. What I learnt about people like us.

3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. Is temptation a sin? If not, what causes temptation to lead to sin (James 1:13-15)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Let’s remember that temptation can lead to sinful behavior.

