

The Balcony Experience

2 Samuel 11

What led to David's great fall?

1 – Apathy which led to complacency.

2 Samuel 11:1

"In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem."

Complacency in Christ leads to sin!

Galatians 5:16

"So say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves."

2 - Dwelling upon his own desires.

The real strength of temptation often does not lie in the quality of the tempting object but in the state of heart and mind of the one being tempted.

James 1:14-15

"But each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

3 - Covering up what only God can cover.

1 John 1:6-9

"If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Psalms 51:4

"Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just."

Philippians 3:13-14

“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”