

The Story of David and Bathsheba

- One of the Saddest Stories in All of the Bible
 - Not because he is the Bible's only adulterer
 - Genesis 38:12-13 – Judah and Tamar
 - Hosea 1-2 – Gomer
 - Esau – Hebrews 13:16
 - It is sad because of his character
 - He was a man after God's own heart - Acts 13:22
 - For David the adultery with Bathsheba does not fit with the rest of his life

The Story of David Has Been Oft Repeated

- We All Know of Gospel Preachers, Elders, Deacons, or Their Wives That Have Been Guilty of Adultery
- We Know Seemingly Faithful Individuals Who Have Destroyed Their Lives and the Lives of Their Families Through This Sin
- Some Have Repented While Others Have Persisted in The Sin

Stories Like “David’s” Typically Have Two Effects on the Faithful

- It Discourages Us
 - We are disappointed in those we had confidence in - Gal.2:11-14
 - We are discouraged because of the effect of the sin – 2 Samuel 12:14
 - We are discouraged because we wonder how many times is this story going to be repeated

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- It Causes Fear
 - We wonder if they became unfaithful to the Lord what about me
 - We wonder, “Could It Happen in My Marriage?”

Hebrews 13:4

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- Some Have the Attitude That It Can't Happen To Me or My Spouse
 - Galatians 6:1 – “consider yourself lest you also be tempted”
 - 1 Corinthians 10:12 – “let him who thinks he stands”
- Overconfidence is Dangerous
 - Matthew 26:31-35

Yes – If You Think It Can't Happen

- When We Are Overconfident We Let Down Our Guard
 - I wonder if this is not what has happened to many preachers, elders, etc.
 - Many have fallen who thought they wouldn't

"It became clear to me early in my counseling experience that affairs were much more common than I had ever imagined. But now, after years of marriage counseling, I have come to realize that almost everyone, given the right conditions, would have an affair."

- Dr. William F. Harley, Jr. *Surviving An Affair*, 16

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2. Yes – If You Neglect Your Faith

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Proverbs 2:17

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Marriage
Deteriorates



Faith Growing Weaker

Yes – If You Neglect Your Faith

How Do Neglect Our Faith?

We Have Little Time for the Spiritual – Matt.6:33

We Don't Study As We Should – Acts 17:11

We Don't Pray As Much- 1 Thess.5:17

We Don't Exercise Our self – 1 Tim.4:8; Heb.5:14

Takes Place Gradually – Hebrews 2:1

Doesn't Take Place Over Night

Faith May Have Been Weakening for Years

Yes – If You Neglect Your Faith

Result of Neglecting Our Faith

Material/
Worldly
Has A
Greater
Appeal

Fear God
Less

Not
Bothered
by Sin

Easier to
Do What
We
Know Is
Wrong

Yes – If You Neglect Your Faith

- ✓ **The Bible Draws A Connection Between Weak Faith and Adultery/Fornication**
 - ✓ **Hebrews 12:12-16**
 - ✓ **1 Thess.4:3-8**
 - ✓ **1 Cor.6:15-20**

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Spend Little Time Together – Eph.5:25-28



Fail to Meet One Another's Emotional Needs

Wife Not Honored – 1 Peter 3:7

Husband Not Respected – Eph.5:33



Neglect To Render Due Benevolence – 1 Cor.7:3-5



Little to No Communication – Gen.2:24

Result of Neglecting Your Marriage

Commitment to Mate Means Less



Focus on Self Instead of Mate



At Greater Risk When Opposite Sex Shows Attention



Not Bothered by Flirting/Flattery

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3. Yes – If You Neglect Your Marriage

**4. Yes – If You Do Not Watch Your Behavior
Around Opposite Sex**

Behavior Around Opposite Sex

Don't Lust/ Fantasize
–Prov.6:25

Beware of Tools to
Seduce – Prov.7:10

Watch for
Flirting/Flattery –
Prov.6:24-25; 7:21

Don't Play with Fire –
Proverbs 5:8

Avoid Being Placed
Where Opportunity
for Adultery is Possible
– Prov.5:8; 7:25

Remember
Consequence of
Adultery – Prov.5:9;
6:26, 32-35; 7:26-27

Conclusion

Will It Happen to Your Marriage?

I don't know – I do know that the story of "David" will be told again?



Can It Happen to Your Marriage?

Yes – It Could Happen



Does It Have to Happen to Your Marriage?

NO- God Provides A Way of Escape – 1 Cor.10:13