

PRONE TO WANDER

(Life Group Bible Study; Week of 5/12/2024; 2 Samuel 11:1-27; Steve Thiel; Christ Proclamation Church)

Sermon Theme: Despite being a conquering king, David's sin reveals that we need a greater king, King Jesus, who perfectly obeys God, even to the point of death on a cross. In Him, God is pleased. Therefore, we must bind our wandering hearts to Him so we too might be pleasing in God's eyes!

I. David's Sin – Read 2 Samuel 11:1-27

- A. What are all the different ways in verses 1-5 that the author seems to be suggesting that David was in a self-indulgent frame of mind that allowed temptation to move quickly into sin?
- B. As you think specifically about David's sin with Bathsheba, how would you separate the context of David's sin from the decision to sin and the clear consequence of sin?
- C. Do you agree that one of the best strategies to keep you from temptation and sin is to be in the right place, doing the right things, with the right people? Why or why not?
- D. What are all the different ways that David tries to cover up his sin of adultery with Bathsheba? What are your thoughts about Uriah's behavior in contrast to David's behavior?
- E. Read 1 Samuel 8:10-18. Samuel warned the people that worldly kings will be those who take things from them. As you think about the warning; how would you evaluate David?
- F. Read verses 26-27. The chapter ends with Uriah dead, Bathsheba as David's wife, and the people having good reason to think highly of David. In what ways are you personally tempted to embrace people thinking highly of you when you know you don't deserve it?

II. Jesus' Righteousness – Read Matthew 3:17 and Hebrews 11:32-40

- A. There is a radical difference between the way that God looks at David in 2 Samuel 11:27 and the way that God looks at Jesus. Why is God well pleased with Jesus? How are passages like Matthew 3:13-17; 4:1-11; 17:1-8; and Philipians 2:5-11 helpful as you think about it?
- B. Hebrews 11 is filled with all these different people from the O.T. who were prone to wander and leave the God they professed to love. How do you account for such a favorable version of their lives? What does this tell you about the sufficiency of Christ's death on the cross?
- C. Do you believe that you are well pleasing in God's eyes? How does this motivate you to live for God's glory, honor, and praise? Galatians 6:7-10 is a very helpful passage. What does it look like to sow the flesh or sow to the Spirit? What are the consequences of each?
- D. Steve gave us 4 steps to follow as he closed his sermon. Be humble. Be wise. Be looking specifically to Jesus and be singing. Do you agree with these 4 steps? How would you improve upon them and make them better for your personal relationship with the Lord?