



Community Bible Experience™

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2 Samuel 11:1-17:23
CBE, pp. 436-448
NIV, pp. 214-221

State of the Kingdom Address

Tell the story of David & Bathsheba (11:1-27, p.436)

The rest of the story

LESSONS

- 1. I must never let my successes convince me to let my guard down. (5:12-13)
- 2. I must never forget that my sin will always hurt innocent people. (11:1-24:25; the rest of the book!)
- 3. I must choose to confess rather than hide my sin, throwing myself on the mercies of God. (12:13 & Psalm 32 & 51)
- 4. I must realize that it is not the amount, but rather the very presence of bitterness in my heart that really matters. (17:1-2; Hebrews 12:15)

THE ONE THING: It's time to stop hiding

Miss something? Completed sermon notes are available online. Binders to organize your sermon notes are available at the upstairs Welcome Desk.

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Psalm 32:1-2 & Psalm 51:1-2.
- It's time for a heart-to-heart talk with God.
- CBE reading for this week!
- Other _____



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WEEK 5: SAMUEL-KINGS

We're halfway through our reading campaign! This week, we'll head into David's reign over both Israel and Judah. God has put David on the throne, promising his descendants will always rule Israel if they worship and serve God faithfully. Pay particular attention to David's wholehearted dedication to God—it becomes the standard this book uses for every subsequent king.

If you find yourself "hitting a wall" this week, don't worry. It's only natural. We've covered a lot of ground, but we still have some distance to go.

If this happens to you, try changing your routine. Read during a different time of day, listen to the Oakwood O.T. podcast or audio for a change of pace, or take your reading outside (if it's nice out and you can bundle up!).

Whatever you do, keep at it. You're only four weeks away from having finished the Covenant History of the Old Testament!

Source: "Invitation to Samuel-Kings," p. 377.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Think of your weekly discussion group as more of a book club than a Bible study. All you have to do is share your responses to five simple questions:

- 1. What's something you noticed **for the first time**?
- 2. What **questions** did you have?
- 3. Was there anything that **bothered** you?
- 4. What did you learn about **loving God**?
- 5. What did you learn about **loving others**?