

# FLAWED HERO

## THE LIFE OF DAVID

# WEEK 6

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Rock Bottom



*This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your life group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own before your group meets. The purpose of this guide is to help facilitate discussion and to help your group, collectively and individually, grow closer to Jesus.*

### SERIES OVERVIEW

Every hero has flaws, even the ones we read about in the Bible. In the life of David—a king of Israel and a man after God’s own heart—we see a hero with glimpses of greatness and wounds of pride. Through David’s failures, challenges, and triumphs, we see a greater Hero. The hero was not David, but God Himself. God humbled David and pointed people back to the one, true, King.

### MAIN TEXT

2 Samuel 11-12, ESV

### GETTING STARTED

What was the worst trouble you ever got into as a kid?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 2 Samuel 11:1-12:15 out loud as a group. What occurred when David stayed in Jerusalem while his army went to battle? How did David try to cover up the consequences of his sin? What was the result?
2. In this passage, we see that David had “arrived” as king of Israel and his faith was on cruise control. Have there been times in your life when you felt like you had arrived and were no longer depending on God? Share with the group. How do you keep from putting your faith on cruise control when life is going well?
3. David taking Bathsheba as his wife after Uriah’s death seemed to be the honorable thing to do in the eyes of the community, but God was not pleased. Describe what happens in your relationship

with the Lord when you cover things up instead of dealing with them.

*We recommend that our mixed life groups break into gender groups for the remainder of the study.*

4. Nathan confronts David about his sin, and David is either in denial or he had convinced himself that what he had done was okay. Have you ever lived with a secret so long that you rationalized it and were no longer convicted by it? Share with the group.
5. This weekend, we learned that nothing healthy grows in the dark. God led David to confess in order to kill his sin. Describe a time when you brought a hidden sin from the dark into the light. What happened as a result?
6. Nathan was willing to confront David about his sin, and he had David’s best interests at heart. Do you have someone like Nathan in your life right now? Have you given anyone permission to call you out in your sin? If you haven’t, why not?

### NEXT STEPS

2 Corinthians 7:10 says, “For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.” We are not called to carry around our sin; it will slowly kill us. Jesus died for our sin so we could live a life of freedom from the guilt, regret, and pain that our past sin may have caused us.

*What sin have you been tolerating and need to bring to light?*

*Take time to repent and to pray for one another.*