



blameless in thy judgment.

Psalm 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. ⁶ Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which thou hast broken rejoice. ⁹ Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee. ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of thy deliverance.

*¹⁵ O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. ¹⁶ For thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, thou wouldst not be pleased. ¹⁷ The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite **heart**, O God, thou wilt not despise. ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, ¹⁹ then wilt thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on thy altar.*

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THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

David and Bathsheba

The Story—part 12

Samuel 11 and following

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**God's upper story. God wants to be with us
and will pay any price to make it so.**

David's downward spiral begins

2 Samuel 5:12 And David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel. ¹³ After he left Hebron, David took more concubines and wives in Jerusalem, and more sons and daughters were born to him.

2 Samuel 11:2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, ³ and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" ⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her.... Then she went back home.

Proverbs 31:30 Charm is deceitful, beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.



Proverbs 27:20 Hell and destruction are never satisfied, and never satisfied are the eyes of man.

2 Sam. 11:5 The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

Spiral continued

*2 Samuel 11:23 The messenger said to David, "The men overpowered us and came out against us in the open, but we drove them back to the entrance to the city gate."²⁴ Then the archers shot arrows at your servants from the wall, and some of the king's men died. Moreover, **your servant** Uriah the Hittite is dead."*

David finally hits bottom

2 Samuel 11:26 When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him.

*²⁷After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. **But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.***

2 Samuel 12:5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die!"⁶ He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."



2 Samuel 12:7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.'⁸ ...I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more.

⁹Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

*2 Samuel 12:10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'¹¹ "This is what the LORD says: 'Out of **your own household** I am going to bring **calamity** upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight.*

¹²You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel."

Brokenness: hitting bottom; moving up...

2 Samuel 12:13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."¹⁴ But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die."

Psalm 51

Psalms 51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.⁴ Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and