

RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

David: Part Two

The Power of Honest Brothers



The Background Situation: 2 Samuel 11:1-5

- David is in his 50s and has been a king for 20 years
1. The Text Reveals Four Powerful Steps in David's Fall
 - (2) He
 - (3) He
 - (4) He
 - (5) She
 2. Many men today are fighting hidden battles of lust
 - knowing it is wrong, but ashamed to say anything about it

1 Cor 10:13 states that with the temptation, God provides a way of escape.

- What doors of escape did David fail to see?

Studies from the Bara Group:

- 75% of Christian men report viewing porn at some level
- 22% of practicing Christians report viewing porn weekly or daily
- 77% of Christian men aged 18-30 viewed pornography monthly
- Most say nobody even knows about their habit
- 84% say no one is helping them avoid porn

Sin grows best in secrecy

The availability, isolation and ease of secrecy makes this sin difficult to overcome.

MT 5:28 "but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

This is a _____. It changes how one views intimacy
This begins in the _____ (Mk 7:21)
This is NOT grounds for _____

3. For David it began when he stayed home (11:1) - was that wrong?

Men get into trouble when:

- tired and lonely
- alone too much
- spiritually idle
- feel sexual fulfillment is lacking

Pornography trains the mind to separate sexuality from holiness and genuine love

4. Satan presents an opportunity (11:2) - notice how the text describes the situation
 - was it a sin that David saw her?
 - when did the sin come?

The shame and embarrassment associated with porn keeps us from talking about it

David turns to deception to conceal: 2 Samuel 11:6-21

1. Describe David's attempt to hide his sin.
2. 11:17 reveals what about the depth of David's fall?
3. Notice David's callous response to the news of Uriah's death (11:25)

God sends Nathan: 2 Samuel 12:1-14

1. What was David's reaction to the sheep thief in Nathan's story? Was this a fair judgment?
2. Notice the references to God (7-8) - David forgot his place

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

3. It takes courage and love to stand in Nathan's shoes
Healthy spiritual friendships among men make the difference
- hard conversations; deep prayers, spiritual honesty; accountability

Honest Help

- 1.
2. Fill the mind with _____ things (Phil 4:8)
1. Recognize your weakness and when you are _____
Idle men become vulnerable men
4. Rise up and be strong in the Lord (Eph 6:10-16)
5. Speak to one another without _____
6. Believe that you can _____ this (1 Pet 1:15)

What practical steps will help maintain purity in a digital culture of today?

- Why is pornography such a problem with so many men?
- Will marriage stop the porn problem?
- What do we learn from the Nathan/ David conversation?

Two Verses to Memorize:

Ps 51:10a "Create in me a clean heart, O God

Job 31:1 I made a covenant with my eyes; How then could I gaze at a virgin?

The strongest men are the ones humble enough to seek help, walk in the light, and help other men do the same