

**THE LIFE OF DAVID:
LIVING WITHOUT CONTRADICTION**
2 Samuel 11

2 Samuel 11 is a watershed moment in David’s life. Up until then David is pretty much a success in everything he does. But the writer seems to undercut his nobility and character in the story of David and Bathsheba. Through his selfish actions of coveting, adultery, and murder, David is no longer the “man after God’s own heart” (1 Samuel 13.14). His contradictory lifestyle has now transformed him into a leader who has displeased the Lord (1 Samuel 11.25).

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- **ADMIT** your inadequacy.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 1 Timothy 1.15

- **PRAY**

* Lord, **OPEN** my **EYES**.

* Lord, **SOFTEN** my **HEART**.

* Lord, **CENTER** my **MIND**.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Philippians 4.8

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12.2 2*

* Lord, **CONTROL** my **IMPULSES**.

*I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, **who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!** Romans 7.15, 24-25*

- **DO** the works of God.

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Ps. 37.4

*“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” Matthew 6.24*

- **TRUST** in God’s Holy Spirit power.

*But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for **my power is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that **Christ’s power may rest on me.** That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.** 2 Corinthians 12.9-10*

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?