

David 8 – Bathing Troubles

1. Recap from last time David had two what he thought were good ideas but did not check with God before trying to carry them out so had some problems
 1. He thought it would be a good idea to move the Ark into the new Capital City, but he ran into problems as he did not do it Gods way
 2. Eventually he got the Ark into the city and he then thought it would be a good idea for it to be in a permanent temple. But this was not Gods plan.
 3. Instead God tells David that he will build an ever lasting house out of David's family, which we know came true as it ended with Jesus.
2. The study today covers some of the events Hollywood loves to make films of, meaning that we probably have a good idea of the story, but maybe not the detail.
3. Some background facts -
 1. By now David was around 50
 2. It seems the higher your house up the hill the grander you were. So the king could overlook everyone. Everyone would know this
 3. There is quite of lot of hidden meaning in the passage that would have been obvious to the initial Jewish readers but not so to us, but hopefully we will be able to draw out this as we look at the passages.
4. Deuteronomy 17 v14-17 – Firstly look at some laws God gave for Kings. (Very clear in message) Don't build up a Harem collecting wife's
5. 2 Samuel 11
 1. v1 Q So what did David do? A Stay at home instead of going to war!!
 2. 2-5 So we have some key facts here
 1. The bible records that she was beautiful
 2. She was married
 3. She must have know she could be seen from the roof from the kings palace
 4. She had just finished her period so she was not pregnant at the time
 5. It is suggested that she was a willing participant in the adultery
 3. 6-9
 1. Q How did David try and cover it up?
 2. Q Do we think Joab knew what David was trying to do?
 4. 10-13 Q Why did his plans not work?
 5. 14-17 Q What did David do with the consequence of their actions

6. 18-21
7. 22-27
6. A little side track to see on the consequences of David's actions
 1. Proverbs 28 v13
 2. Galatians 6 v 7-8
7. Going back to our Story of David – Did he think he had got away with it? -
8. 2 Samuel 12
 1. 1-4 Q How do we think Nathan must have felt being given this task?
 2. 5-6 Q Was David's response justified?
 3. 7-10 Q What does God say is going to happen to David?
 4. 11-14 Q How does David respond?
9. There are several Psalms written about this incident in David's life – we shall look at two of them briefly.
10. Psalm 32
 1. 1-2
 2. 3-5
 3. 6-7
 4. 8-9
 5. 10-11
11. Psalm 51 (read in the message as sense is clearer)
12. 1 John 1 v9
 1. What an amazing reminder – If we tell God we are sorry he will forgive us our sins
13. So What lessons can we learn from this for us today
 1. Don't put yourself in the wrong situation
 2. Flirting when you should not be is not good
 3. It is better to say no and walk away
 4. What about asking to cover for someone – Are you doing their dirty work for them?
 5. Actions have consequences
14. End Challenge – We had one last time - What do we do when our plans don't initially work out – where does God fit in? Pray for those in authority

