



**"A Man After The Devil's
Own Heart" * 2 Samuel 11
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It's maybe the worst story in the Bible, outside of our Lord's death.

"David remained at Jerusalem". So what?

James 1:14-15 – The Cycle Of Sin

"But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death."

Step One Of Sin = _____. Temptation meets me at the point where my desires clash with God's boundaries. I fight desire to sin with discipline and obedience. Key word: **resist**.

Step Two Of Sin = _____. The desire to sin presents itself to my mind with reasoned arguments. I fight the deceit of sin with a love for truth and for God. Key word: **reason**.

Step Three Of Sin = _____. I disregard God's boundaries and yield to the desire and deceit of sin. I fight the destructiveness of disobedience with repentance. Key word: **repent**.

Step Four Of Sin = _____. I press on in doing what is right in my own eyes. I either change my view of God or forget him altogether. In doing so, my sin enslaves me and leads me to judgment. Key word: **recoil**.

Step One: Desire

A. Is the desire itself evil? What makes sin *sin*?

B. Why does God give us boundaries?

C. What should David have done at this moment? And what do I do with evil desire when it comes?

Step Two: Deceit

A. What does temptation cause us to do with God's boundaries?

B. What did David's messenger say about Bathsheba when he returned? Why is this important?

Step Three: Disobedience

A. Sinning is not a spontaneous thing that comes out of nowhere – in what sense is it born?

B. When sinning becomes easier for me, what is actually happening?

C. What must I do with sin at this point if I want to be free?