

3 LESSONS FROM BATHSHEBA ON GROWING THROUGH PAIN:

1. WHEN YOU ARE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF, FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL INSTEAD OF WHAT IS TRYING TO CONTROL YOU.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." 2 Samuel 11: 2-5 (ESV)

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. Romans 12:19 (NIV)

2. WHEN YOU EXPERIENCE LOSS, GRIEVE. BUT REMEMBER IT'S NOT THE END OF THE STORY.

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And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die...On the seventh day, the child died...Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba..." 2 Samuel 12: 13-14, 18, 24 (ESV)

3. WHEN YOU'VE BEEN OVERLOOKED, REMIND YOURSELF MOST OF THE REWARDS ARE NOT PASSED OUT HERE.

"And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah..." Matthew 1:6 (ESV)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)