



**Sermon Discussion Guide - November 17, 2024**  
**Plot Twists - David, part 3**

This week, Pastor Michael shared about the story of Esther. Use the following points from the sermon for discussion for your group.

**1. Read 2 Samuel 11:1-5**

- *What poor choices did David make that could have been avoided?*

**2. Success can bring temptation.**

- *Pastor Mark shared that with success, you can be tempted to become prideful, self-serving and live at ease (a form of laziness).*
- *Which of these do you resonate with? What would you add to the list?*
- *How can we overcome temptations that come with success?*

**3. The temptation of love.**

- *Pastor Mark shared that this temptation is not about David and Bathsheba, but rather David's love for his children.*
- *What dangers are there when we "love too much"? What choices do we make or not make?*
- *Pastor Mark said "If your love allows them license and keeps you from holding them accountable you will cause them harm and you harm." What is the harm that would be caused? How do we not love in a licentious way?*

**4. At his best, David had the following noble qualities: 1) He sought the Lord for decisions, 2) He submitted himself to God, 3) He had an eternal mindset, 4) He stayed humble before God, and 5) He was an expressive man of worship.**

- *Which of these qualities do you want to grow in? Which of these qualities do you see in your small group members? Take some time to encourage each other.*

**5. How can your group pray for and support you in light of today's discussion?**