

“After Nathan returned to his home, the Lord sent a deadly illness to the child of David and Uriah’s wife. Then on the seventh day the child died. David’s advisers were afraid to tell him. “He wouldn’t listen to reason while the child was ill,” they said. “What drastic thing will he do when we tell him the child is dead?” 2 Samuel 12:15, 18 NLT

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God judged David by taking the life of his child. Samuel even writes, the “child of David and Uriah’s wife.” I totally believe the child went to heaven, but would never experience life here in this earth. We don’t know how long the child was sick or how long David went without food. Samuel records that David comforted his wife after the child died by having relations with her and getting pregnant AGAIN. Wow, and that’s comforting? I guess it was then. “Then David comforted Bathsheba, his wife, and slept with her. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son, and David named him Solomon. The Lord loved the child” And this child, God let live and loved him. There were far more ramifications of David’s sin, even in the lives of his children, especially in Solomon who turned out to be a lot like David. Solomon had a lot more wisdom but had a pretty shallow spiritual life with God. Another story for another time. Also noted, after this scene Joab (David’s general) gets him right back on the battlefield that apparently David had previously lost a taste for and put the king back in the plunder seat of power. In other words, he got back to doing what he was “good” at - war and plundering?

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Dad,

I know it’s horrible to compare. However, when I read about the sins and blunders of high profile Bible characters like David, it does oddly give me hope. My sin is bad, and I am held responsible, but I hope I NEVER take anything as far as David did. I still see the tragic cycles affecting his family, and especially, his sons for many generations. That I do not want either! I want to keep Christ preeminent in all things in my life.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root