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- The Ammonites had not been defeated in the previous campaign but had fled into the city of Rabbah. 2 Samuel 10:14
- David sent out his army under the command of Joab to finish the job now that the weather would be more conducive for an army in the field.
- It was not unprecedented for David to send out his army under the command of Joab. 2 Samuel 10:7

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- David knew the commands of God and the benefits of walking in uprightness before God.
 - Psalm 19:7-14
 - Psalm 26

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- *“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.” (1 John 2:15–16, ESV)*
- *“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.” (2 Samuel 11:2, ESV)*

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- *“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.” (Exodus 20:17, ESV)*
- *“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?” (2 Samuel 11:3, ESV)*

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- *“You shall not commit adultery.” (Exodus 20:14, ESV)*
- *“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.” (2 Samuel 11:3–4, ESV)*

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- *“You shall not murder.” (Exodus 20:13, ESV)*
- *“Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and righteous, for I will not acquit the wicked.” (Exodus 23:7, ESV)*
- *“In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die.”” (2 Samuel 11:14–15, ESV)*

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Lessons

- When we face temptation, we can react according to the desires of the flesh or respond according to the instruction of God’s Word.
 - David lingered when he could have and should have looked away.
- We cross from shaky ground to rebellion when we knowingly transgress against God’s commands. Numbers 15:27-31

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Lessons

- Sin enslaves (see John 8:14)
- God has provided the way to deal with sin. (Psalm 32:5; 1 John 1:9)

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Lessons

- The deceitfulness of sin leads us to attempt to deal with sin our way with devastating results. (Hebrews 3:13)
- We might think we have successfully hidden our sin, but nothing is hidden from God.
 - *“You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.” (Psalm 90:8, ESV)*
