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“One evening David got up from his bed and walked around the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing” (2 Samuel 11:2). Now what are the chances of that happening? In the middle of the night? Whether it is an orchestrated setup or a chance encounter, this is the exact picture of what God told Cain: “Sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it” (Genesis 4:7). Sin is crouching at David’s door, and David has a choice to make. He will win or lose depending on what he does next. “The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her” (2 Samuel 11:2) That should have been where David turned his eyes away. Instead, he decided to check her out.

James says, “Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed” (James 1:14). Sin is waving a beautiful woman in front of David’s eyes, and he’s sniffing at the bait.

What makes us men want to push the envelope of sin? We’ll walk right up the edge of a cliff expecting the rocks to hold every time. They don’t. A loose rock gave out on David; his checking her out led him too close to the edge. He sent someone to find out more about her. Why didn’t he just let it go, and go back to bed?

The man David sent told him, “Isn’t this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?” (2 Samuel 11:3). So, now, God has stepped in. “She’s someone’s wife David, stop!” When our feet are about to slip, our Savior is there ready to pull us to safety, but it’s up to us to grab hold. David didn’t. “Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her” (2 Samuel 11:4).

David didn’t see sin crouching at his door that night; he saw a beautiful woman. He should have turned away, but like so many other men, he thought he could walk all the way to the precipice and the rocks would hold. The Bible says this about adultery, “Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng” (Proverbs 7:26).

It’s a mighty throng; so, do you think you can do it? Think you can walk the edge, and the rocks will hold? Consider this your stop sign. You will win or lose depending on what you do next.