

For the week of February 28, 2016  
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# Abusing Power

*28th week in the series "A Life of Passion: The Story of David."*

**2 Samuel 11: 1-27**

David is a remarkable character with moments of stunning integrity and honor. But in this story, we see David in a different light. David sins in a way that is shocking and appalling. After taking advantage of a young woman and having sex with her, he orchestrates the cold-blooded murder of her husband. How do we understand David's ruthless abuse of power? How do we use the power we've been entrusted with? What do we do when we are victims of another's power? How does a powerful God care for us in the midst of these questions?

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. What kind of power or influence do you have? At home? At work or school? In your community?
2. How are you tempted to think that you can control more than you can actually affect? How have you been reminded of the limitations of your power?
3. How have you been the victim of someone more powerful than you? This could be in small ways or devastating ways as in the story of David and Bathsheba?
4. How does God meet you when you feel too powerful or you've become a victim of power?