

Vows

“Dangerous Affairs”

What Is The Pathway to Promiscuity?

1. **Convince myself that it could never happen to me.**
 - **2 Sam. 11:1a:** *“In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army.”*
2. **Consent to boredom & unmet needs settling into my marriage.**
 - **2 Sam. 11:1b:** *“They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.”*
3. **Compare my spouse with the other person.**
 - **2 Sam. 11:2-3a:** *“One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful,³ and David sent someone to find out about her.”*
4. **Cultivate a relationship with the one who catches my eye.**
 - **2 Sam. 11:3b-4a:** *“The man said, ‘Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?’⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her.”*
5. **Connect sexually with the third party.**
 - **2 Sam. 11:4b-5:** *“She came to him, and he slept with her. (She had purified herself from her uncleanness.) Then she went back home.⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, ‘I am pregnant.’”*
6. **Count the cost of my insanity.**
 - **2 Sam. 11:14-15, 26-27; 12:9-10a, 13-14:** *“In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah.¹⁵ In it he wrote, ‘Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die.’²⁶ When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him.²⁷ After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.⁹ ‘Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.¹⁰ Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house...’¹³ Then David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the Lord.’ Nathan replied, ‘The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.¹⁴ But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the Lord show utter contempt, the son born to you will die.’”*