

5. As one person has said, “David belonged in the battle, not in the bedroom”. What kinds of modern examples can you give of intentionally being in the wrong place at the wrong time? Has being in the wrong place at the wrong time, by your own choice, ever left you or someone you know vulnerable to sexual temptation and impurity? If so, what was the outcome? What could you/they have done differently to avoid the consequences? Or did you/they manage to avoid the consequences? If so, how?

### TAKING IT HOME

“A survey by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers found that Facebook is cited as evidence in 66 percent of divorces in the United States. Also, more than 80 percent of divorce lawyers reported they, ‘have seen an increase in the number of cases using social networking evidence’, during the past few years.” <http://patrickmadrid.com/if-youre-married-and-youre-on-facebook-read-this/>

It should be no surprise that modern social media of various kinds can put us in a vulnerable position, especially as it relates to our marriages and other significant relationships we might have. Read over the article found at the web address above. What do you think about the 3 Rules that are given in this article (Rule 1: Your Facebook should be a completely open book for your husband or wife; Rule 2: Don’t Flirt on Facebook; Rule 3: Don’t Waste time on Facebook)? Discuss these rules with your spouse or significant other in order to set down some rules. If you are not on Facebook, what principles can you apply from these 3 Rules to other areas of your life in order to protect yourself, your marriage, and/or other meaningful relationships?

## Stay Pure

“I Do” – 5 of 5

May 5, 2013

Pastor John Fanous

*“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.”* Hebrews 13:4

### 1. MAKE A COMMITMENT TO \_\_\_\_\_

*“How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.”* Psalm 119:9

### 2. HIGHLIGHT THE \_\_\_\_\_

*“But a man who commits adultery lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself.”* Proverbs 6:32

### 3. MAINTAIN YOUR \_\_\_\_\_

*“The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband.”* 1 Corinthians 7:3

The top 5 needs of most men are:

The top 5 needs of most women are:

### 4. MAINTAIN PROPER \_\_\_\_\_

*“But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality...because these are improper for God’s holy people.”* Ephesians 5:3

## THE PATHWAY BACK TO PURITY

### 1. ADMIT YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 51:1-4)

### 2. END THE RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ ALL CONTACT WITH THE PERSON FROM NOW ON

## **Growth Group Homework**

For the Week of April 21, 2013

### **MY STORY**

1. Can you think of someone you admired and respected (either someone you know personally or a public figure), who had an affair or was in some way unfaithful in their marriage or to their family? What was your reaction when you discovered what had happened and what effects did it have on you and/or the community?
2. What stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

Last week we looked at David and Abigail. That story took place before David became King. Eventually King Saul took his own life and David became the second king of Israel when he was about 30 years of age. This incident with Bathsheba occurs some twenty years after David becomes King. Read 2 Samuel 11:1-5.

1. What discrepancy do you find in the opening verse of 2 Samuel 11, (compare the first and last sentence of v.1)? After comparing where David should have been and where we find him in v. 1-2, how might the story have changed if David had been where he belonged instead of where he did not belong?

2. David took full advantage of the bad situation he found himself in. What critical mistakes did he make in verses 3 and 4? What mistakes did Bathsheba make in this story? Or did she?
3. Pastor John touched on the consequences of sexual impurity last Sunday. In David's situation many horrific consequences resulted from his sexual affair with Bathsheba. After reading 11:14-17 and 12:9-12, describe in your own words the long-term consequences resulting from David's actions.
4. David eventually found a pathway back to purity. Read 12:13-24 and jot down some things you notice and appreciate about David's change of attitude.

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