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# Word for Women

The Women of Jesus' Family Tree Part 4/5 — BATHSHEBA

## WEEK 1

### Day 1 – Matthew 1:6, 2 Samuel 11:1-27

Who is mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus here? Is this woman mentioned by name? Why do you think Matthew describes her this way? How does reading 2 Samuel 11:1-27 help us better understand Matthew 1:6? Ask the Lord to reveal Himself afresh this month.

### Day 2 – 2 Samuel 11:1-5

List everything you learn in these verses about David and Bathsheba in two different columns. Who are they? How are they described? Where are they? What are they doing? Why are they doing these things? You're working toward establishing context for these characters that will provide this month's foundation. Be vigilant!

### Day 3 – 2 Samuel 11:6-27

After your reading today make a new list with columns for both David and Uriah. Write about these men. Who are they? How are they described in this text? Where are they? What are they doing? Why are they doing these things? Again, our goal in this is to establish context for our characters. Be disciplined and thorough in this work.

### Day 4 – 2 Samuel 11:1-27

Reread this story again today and when you're done, add to your paper what the Scripture says about God. How did He feel about all David had done? Looking at your list of David from the last few days, what sins do you see he's committed that displeased God?

### Day 5 – Matthew 1:6

As you end this week having built a context for the characters we'll be studying this month, return to Matthew 1:6. Why do you think it was important to Matthew to record a mention of Uriah's wife in Jesus' genealogy? If you've studied Tamar and Rahab, how is Bathsheba's story similar? How is it different?

## WEEK 2

### Day 1 – 2 Samuel 12:1-25

(The rest of David and Bathsheba's story is largely focused on David and that will be reflected in our devotional this month). God sends Nathan to rebuke David for his sin and to prophesy calamity on his household including death to the child he conceived with Bathsheba. What is David's initial response to Nathan before conviction? What is his response to the prophecy? What is his response to his sick child?

### Day 2 – Psalm 51

We know this is a psalm of repentance written by David after his encounter with Nathan. What does this psalm teach us about how seriously sin should affect our hearts? What does this passage teach us about how serious sin is against God? Mark this passage as a place to turn to when you need words to pray in repentance.

### Day 3 – 2 Samuel 12:1-25

Reread the story of David's consequences for his sin. Is Bathsheba impacted by these consequences? Does the text reveal anything about Bathsheba's prayers or grieving process? Why do you think this is excluded from the text? What was David's prayer and grieving process? Even though we aren't given the details of Bathsheba during all of this, can you imagine her grief and her prayers?

### Day 4 – 2 Samuel 12:24-25, 1 Chronicles 3:1-9

What happened for Bathsheba according to 2 Samuel 12:24-25 after she lost her first child with David? How many total sons did she have with David according to 1 Chronicles 3? After a season of grief and loss can you point to ways God provided for you?

### Day 5 – 2 Samuel 11:12-25

End the week by rereading the story thus far. Ask God to reveal Himself to you through His Word. What have you learned about His character? What have you learned about His holiness?

## WEEK 3

### Day 1 – 2 Samuel 7:1-17

We open this week flipping back to a time before David was tempted by and sinned with Bathsheba. What you've read today is referred to as "The Davidic Covenant" and is one of several covenants God makes in the Old Testament. What does God promise to David? Does any of this sound like a covenant or promise you've heard Him make before? (Hint: read Genesis 17:4-9) Do you know God to be a covenant keeping or a covenant breaking God based on His Word?

### Day 2 – 2 Samuel 7:1-17

Look at God's covenant with David again. Do you see God has promised that from David will come one whose kingdom He will establish forever (v. 14-16)? What else does God say about this heir in this passage? Make a list to remember. Who does this sound like? Not only is the Davidic Covenant a promise God's made to David, but it's also a promise He's made to mankind for a Savior. He's been promising a Savior since Genesis 3:15 and now He is clarifying even more details to identify that Savior when He comes: a descendant of David.

### Day 3 – Matthew 1:6, 1 Kings 2:1-12

We spent time building some context this week around David's heir to the throne. We know from earlier reading Solomon was not David's eldest son, and yet he is mentioned in Jesus' genealogy. What happened as Solomon grew can be read in 2 Samuel chapter 12 through 1 Kings 1 and we recommend it over the last few days of this month since last week is shorter. For now, a summary: David's life was difficult after this sin with Bathsheba. His children hurt and betrayed each other and him. His allies became his enemies, and he was often a man on the run. What can we remember as we read this as a believer? None of these things surprised our God who had already established Solomon would be David's heir. Do you think calamity in your life is a surprise to God? Can you trust Him?

### Day 4 – 1 Kings 8:20-21

Solomon clearly knows about God's covenant with his dad, and while he was a man blessed with wisdom, a verse such as this points out he is also a man of pride. Solomon was never intended to be the one who would establish God's Kingdom forever; Jesus was. Why does this matter? Because men, even men like David who are after God's heart, are fallible. Everyone sins (Romans 3:23). Well, except One. We'll look to Him next week.

## WEEK 4

### Day 1 – Luke 1:31-33, Acts 7:55, Romans 8:34, Ephesians 1:20

Luke is clear that Jesus came through the line of David to take the throne and rule forever a Kingdom without end. According to these passages, where is Jesus now? He fulfilled this covenant not only in His life, death, and resurrection, but also in that He is sitting on His throne in God's Kingdom eternally. How does that comfort you?

### Day 2: Matthew 1:1-17

Today's the day we finally read through that whole genealogy. It may seem boring, but in our studying do you see why it matters so much? These aren't just names; these are people who represent God's promises! And something they have in common? They're all sinners! Moreover, do you see the promise to make Abraham a great nation and David an established throne forever fulfilled in Christ? Do you see how these people's lives are working toward the life of the Messiah?

### Day 3 – 2 Samuel 11:1-27, Matthew 1:6

Flip back to where we began. We've spent a lot of time on David this month, but the truth that Scripture makes clear is that Solomon couldn't exist without his mom. In Matthew 1:6 she's not named as herself, but as Uriah's wife. This reminds us of David's sin which points us back to God's redemptive character. Do you believe after reading this story, and the others about the women before, that God can use sinful, broken people to further His Gospel plan? Praise Him for that and ask Him to use you too. No matter your story, your sin, or your struggle, you can be used by God to continue to advance His Kingdom. Ask Him to give you courage to start today.



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