

theHOME SHEET

Wear Better Pants | Part 3 | Searching for Milestones
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SCRIPTURE READING

² It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³ David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴ So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵ The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

¹⁴ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵ In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

¹³ David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." -2 Samuel 11:2-5, 14-15; 12:13

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

1. Have you ever been on a long road trip? What milestones along the way inspired you to keep going?
2. Do you find the idea of having to practice spiritual disciplines for the rest of your life to be daunting?
3. "Our spiritual discipline milestones are moments of self-assessment where we look at ourselves and realize that we have become more like Jesus."
– Pastor Fernie
 - a. Have you experienced a spiritual discipline milestone before?
 - b. If so, how did you know you were becoming more like Jesus? Were you more honest, trustworthy, loving, accepting, etc.?

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

In 2 Samuel 12:13 (above), David's conversation with Nathan serves as a spiritual discipline because it directs David's attention back to God and makes David realize he has done something wrong. In this moment, David realizes that while he is not the man God is calling him to be just yet, he has taken a step in the right direction. David recognizes a milestone in his journey! As you continue practicing your spiritual disciplines, notice milestones along the way that indicate you are moving in the right direction.