

Faithfulness in Marriage

WARM UP



"They say God moves in mysterious ways. I attended Christchurch's Promise Keepers last weekend and for once (I've been to six or seven) I didn't really enjoy it. I took plenty of notes, the speakers were good, but I felt really flat. Some of the guys I was with pre-booked for next year, but I didn't.

Well I got home and God told me to apologise to my wife and ask for her forgiveness (I visited sites on the computer I shouldn't, by design or by accident) and then it all started. You know wives aren't stupid (I mean that in the nicest way), they know what goes on.

This week has been so cool. We've become close again (been married 27 years), and I look at her in a different way. I hope it long continues." Kevin

READ 2 Samuel 11:1-15,26 to 12:10

QUESTIONS

1. How might we describe the situation that made David vulnerable to lust in his heart?
2. How did his cover-up affect his future?

BACKGROUND

What first appeared as an exciting opportunity turned into one of the darkest events of King David's life. He said yes to lust in his heart, committed adultery, and then had the woman's husband killed in an attempted cover-up. His choices affected his home, his workplace and his life. The powerful sexual urge must be controlled.

3. Knowing it takes "two to tango" how can I protect myself from unwanted attention?

4. Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure. What does God say about failure in this? Hebrews 13:4

IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

1. I will be alert to situations that can tempt me and avoid them.
2. I will pray for God's protection each day.

CONSIDER THIS

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Martin Luther King



WRAP UP

Discuss together some of the ways we can guard ourselves against infidelity.