



# *The Temptation Itch*

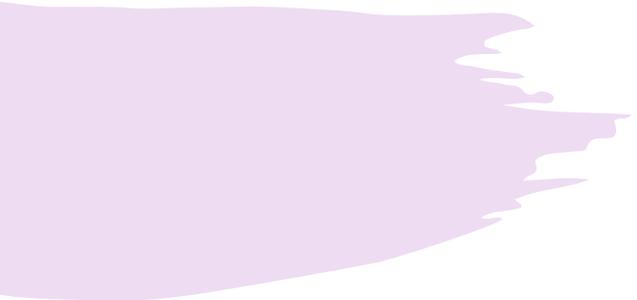
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***The Slippery Slope of  
Temptation***

***(King David)***

***Lesson Four***

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- ❖ **His Trials:** I Samuel 16 - II Samuel 1
  - ❖ **His Triumphs:** II Samuel 2-10
  - ❖ **His Troubles:** II Samuel 11 - I Kings 2

**Deuteronomy 17: 16-20, But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the LORD has said to you, ‘You shall not return that way again.’ Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself. “Also, it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from *the one* before the priests, the Levites.**

**And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment *to* the right hand or *to* the left, and that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.**

**The more room you give to an  
evil desire, the more powerful  
it will become in your life.**



# **II Samuel 11:1-5**

## **Scripture Lesson**

**It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold.**

**So, David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, “Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?” Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. And the woman conceived; so, she sent and told David, and said, “I am with child.”**

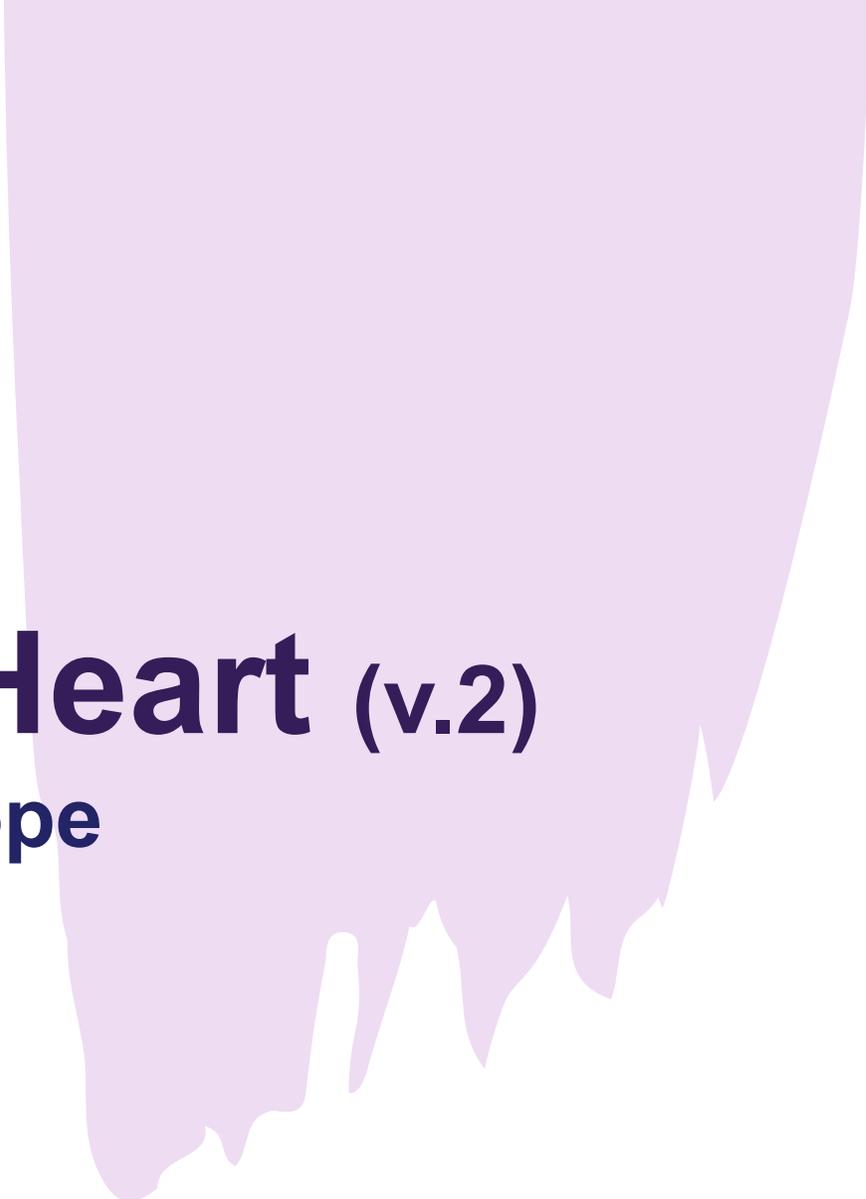
**Temptation is a test of our  
trust in the truthfulness of  
God.**





# **1. Neglecting to do What is Right (v. 1)**

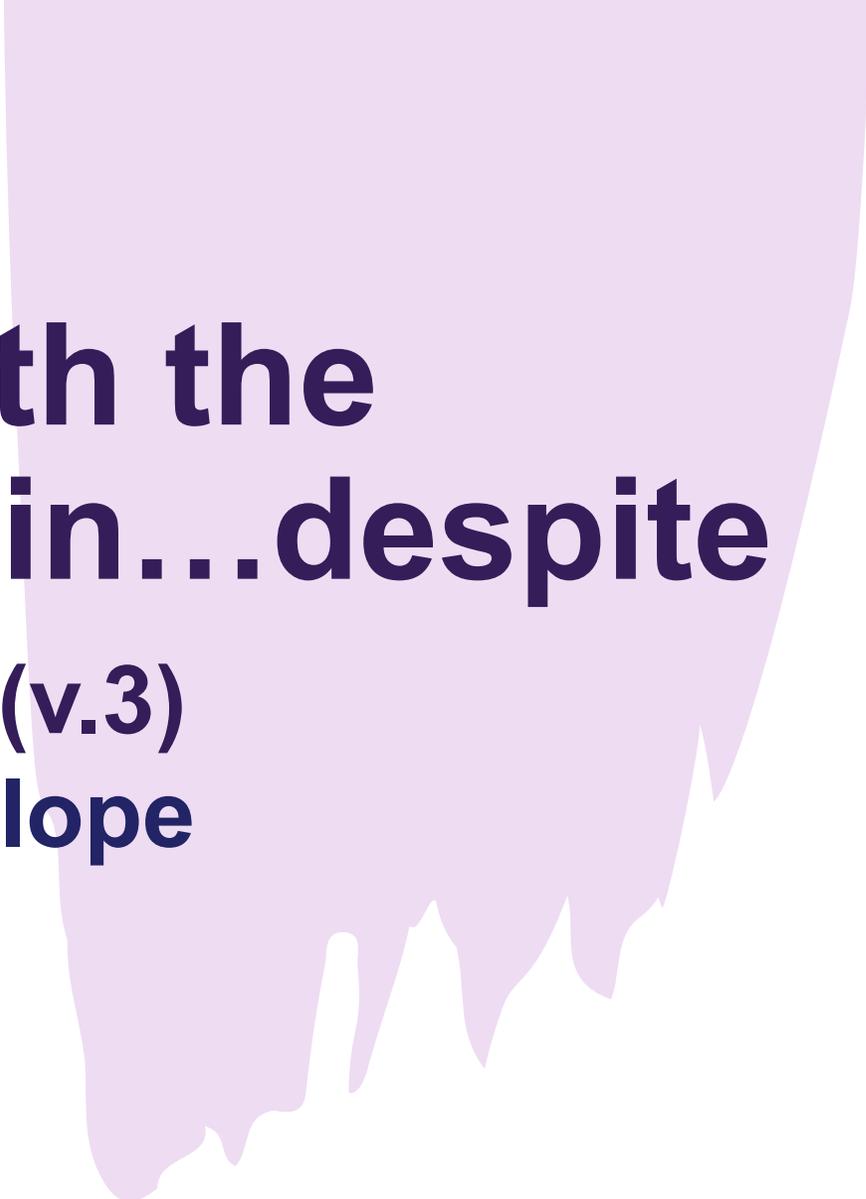
## **The Slippery Slope**



# **2. A Wandering Heart (v.2)**

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**Boredom and spiritual  
restlessness are two of  
temptations greatest allies.**



**3. Flirting with the  
Deceitfulness of Sin...despite  
the Truth (v.3)  
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# **4. Minimizing and Masking Sin's Consequences. (v.5)**

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**Standing Firm In The Face Of Temptation:  
Feed Your Conscience With  
The Word Of God.**

**Psalm 119:9**



**Standing Firm In The Face Of Temptation:  
Fight to Win!  
Psalm 119:11**

**Standing Firm In The Face Of Temptation:  
Rest in the Mercy of God,  
But Don't Exploit It.**

**Psalm 51:1-2**

**“Big sins almost always start  
with small compromises.  
Playing footsies with sexual  
temptation is never worth it.”**

## **Bible Study Follow Up Chat Questions:**

- 1. What in David's life made him vulnerable to temptation?**
- 2. What other temptations can enter through the 'eye gate'?**
- 3. Was Bathsheba guilty or was she merely a victim of David's sin?**
- 4. How would you answer the person who says that sexual sin is a private matter which involves only two people?**
- 5. What can you do to protect yourself from falling into serious sin?**
- 6. Why is idleness dangerous?**
- 7. How does David's slippery slope point to Christ?**
- 8. Why was David considered "a man after God's own heart"?**