

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

**God's Work in Your Life: Rooted ➔ Built Up ➔ Established ➔ Thankful**

<sup>NAU</sup> **Colossians 2:6-7** "...as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude."

**3 Easy Steps:** ➔**Read** below, ➔**respond** to the statements, and ➔**bring** on the date noted above!

- David Stayed Home:** <sup>1</sup> Then it happened in the spring, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that David sent Joab [*the commander of the army*] and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem.
- David Did Not Stop:** <sup>2</sup> Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance. <sup>3</sup> So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not Bathsheba... the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" <sup>4</sup> David sent messengers and took her, and when she came..., he lay with her...
- David Tried to Cover His Adultery:** <sup>5</sup> The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "I am pregnant." <sup>6</sup> Then David sent to Joab, *saying*, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." ... <sup>7</sup> When Uriah came..., David asked concerning the welfare of Joab and the people and the state of the war. <sup>8</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house... <sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.
- David Was Not Moved by Uriah's Honorable Actions:** <sup>10</sup> Now when they told David... David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?" <sup>11</sup> Uriah said..., "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in temporary shelters, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? By your life and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing."
- David Tried Again to Cover His Adultery:** <sup>12</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you go." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. <sup>13</sup> Now David called him, and he ate and drank before him, and he made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his bed with his lord's servants, but he did not go down to his house.
- David Murdered Uriah and Others:** <sup>14</sup> Now in the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup> He had written... "Place Uriah in the front line of the fiercest battle and withdraw from him, so that he may be struck down and die." <sup>16</sup> So it was as Joab kept watch on the city, that he put Uriah at the place where he knew there *were* valiant men. <sup>17</sup> The men of the city went out and fought against Joab, and some of the people among David's servants fell; and Uriah the Hittite also died.
- David's Kill Is Confirmed:** <sup>18</sup> Then Joab sent [a messenger] and reported to David all the events of the war.... <sup>23</sup> The messenger said to David, "The men prevailed against us... <sup>24</sup> Moreover... some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead." <sup>25</sup> Then David said..., "Thus you shall say to Joab, 'Do not let this thing displease you... make your battle against the city stronger and overthrow it.'"
- David Took Bathsheba as His Wife:** <sup>26</sup> Now when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. <sup>27</sup> When the *time of* mourning was over, David sent and... she became his wife; then she bore him a son. But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the LORD.

▪ This **TRUTH** (certainty) from the reading caught my attention:

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▪ The reading is **RELEVANT** (applicable) to my life in this way:

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▪ The reading **INSPIRED** (motivated) me to take this action:

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