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## “The Case of the Open Window Shade”

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(David & Bathsheba, II Samuel 11 & 12, pg. 221-222)

*“One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, ‘Isn’t this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?’ Then David sent a messenger to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying ‘I am pregnant’. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.”*  
(II Samuel 11:2-5, 27)

The Bible teaches that “adultery” is a sin against five persons...

4 God

4 Church body

4 Spouse

4 Other person

4 Own body

## I. WHAT CAUSES ADULTERY?

FOUR BASIC CAUSES...

1. Emotional immaturity

v “Forbidden fruit” syndrome

v Self-gratification

v Low self-esteem

v Self-centeredness

2. Unresolved conflict

*“In your anger do not sin, do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.”*  
(Ephesians 4:26)

3. Unmet needs

4. Unbridled lust

*When we say “No” to non-marital sex,  
we are saying “yes” to something far better.*