

the  Venues  
**Go Deep**  
Putting Women in Their Place  
“He Will Take”  
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*What is your favorite “springtime” activity?*

Read 2 Samuel 11:1-5

**1. Maybe the way we’ve heard it is not the way it was.**

Most Bible teachers and Christian authors throughout my (Phillip’s) lifetime have painted Bathsheba as one of the “bad women” of the Bible.

*What do you think? Is that label justified?*

*What do you think was Bathsheba’s involvement?*

\_\_\_\_\_ *She seduced David by bathing where he could see her.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *She was a willing participant.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *She was forced against her will.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *She was an innocent victim who was used by David.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Other: \_\_\_\_\_*

**2. Is it a story of passion or power?**

Look again and more closely at 2 Samuel 11:4.

*List the verbs of verse 4. What picture do they paint of the event, of the characters involved?*

*What is the significance of the type of bath described in this verse?*

Read 2 Samuel 11:6-9

*What is David trying to do?*

*What is your impression of Uriah?*

Many have blamed Bathsheba for seducing David.

*What kinds of blame have been assigned to victims of sexual assault?*

*Who did God blame for this event? (2 Samuel 11:27).*

**3. Where is God’s grace for the victim in this story?**

Victims of sexual assault have had so many things stolen from them.

Read 1 Kings 1:15-31.

*What happens here that communicates Bathsheba’s restored power?*

Read Matthew 1:6

*What is the significance of being on the ancestral tree of Jesus?*

*Why do you think Matthew identified Bathsheba as “Uriah’s wife” instead of “David’s wife?”*

*What message does this story have for victims of sexual assault today? For all of us as it relates to sexual assault?*