



## WHEN LEADERSHIP TURNS TO LETHARGY

When David stopped leading, he became lethargic. His adulterous affair shattered his life, family, and nation. His story shouts a message: when we are **lethargic**, our children become **lukewarm**, and our grandkids are **lost**. So, how do fight the fast fade?

1. Kingdom battles are never over [2 Samuel 11:1-5; Genesis 4:6&7; 1 Peter 5:8-10; Ephesians 6:10-20].
2. No one else can fight your battles for you [ 2 Samuel 11:1].
3. Idle hands really *are* the devil's tools [2 Samuel 11:2; Deuteronomy 4:9; Matthew 26:41].

4. If you leave the battle, another battle will find you. There are no neutral zones or timeouts in kingdom warfare [2 Samuel 11:1-5].
  
5. A string of past victories doesn't make you bulletproof [2 Samuel 11:3-5].
  
6. God's spiritual laws cannot be violated any more than his natural laws. In both, there are built-in consequences that are unavoidable [2 Samuel 11:4&5; Numbers 32:23; Galatians 6:7].
  
7. Our resources may postpone the day of reckoning, but cannot stop its inevitable arrival. In fact, it only makes that day more terrible. [2 Samuel 11:6-12:1].
  
8. No sin is private. The postmodern phrase, "...as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else..." is a lie from the pit of hell. The Enemy of our soul intends for a ripple effect to corrupt as many people as possible. David's private sin with Bathsheba destroyed her, him, her husband, Joab, his children, and his nation. [2 Samuel 11-15].
  
9. In deceiving others, we deceive ourselves [2 Samuel 11:6-12:7; Jeremiah 17:9; 1 John 1:8; 2 Timothy 3:13; Matthew 7:21-23].
  
10. If God loves us, he will discipline us. [1 Samuel 12:1; 7-10; Philippians 1:6]. He also gives love and grace to his disobedient children [2 Samuel 12:10; 1 Peter 4:8].