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Anatomy of a Scandal Part I

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(1). The movement of the chapter is slower in order to focus on human character.

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(2). The focus of the story is upon David. Bathsheba and Uriah have few lines.

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(3). The story is full of ironies (purity vs. moral law, Uriah's disobedient obedience, and bloodshed)

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David.

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belong to David.

2 Samuel 11: 4 Then David **sent** messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.)

Sex (in any form) outside of
the marriage bed is **sexual sin**.

2 Samuel II: 4 Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) **Then she went back home.**

2 Samuel 11: 5 The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, “I am pregnant.”

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(1). Absolute power corrupts
absolutely.

2 Timothy 1: 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us **power, love and self-discipline.**

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(2). Bodily vulnerability and losing urgency.

When we are prone to physical
vulnerability, we're also prone
to let emotions drag us into
dark rooms and strange places

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(3). King Culture

Taking is usually the
calling card of sin.

Daniel 3: 16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. 18 **But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”**

God sees
the invisible.

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