

## 10...THE COUNTDOWN

### *Why Not Adultery?*

Exodus 20:14 “You shall not commit adultery.” (NIV)

What is God’s will?

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (NIV)

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (NIV)

Proverbs 23:18 There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off. (NIV)

### **David’s Discovery of Adultery**

1. Adultery stems from a heart already disconnecting from what is right

James 1:13-14 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone,<sup>14</sup> but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. (NIV)

2 Samuel 11:1-4 In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king’s men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.<sup>2</sup> 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,<sup>3</sup> 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?”<sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (She had purified herself from her uncleanness.) The she went back home. (NIV)

2. Adultery takes us from the life God intended us to live

2 Samuel 12:7-13 Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.<sup>8</sup> I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more.<sup>9</sup> Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.<sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to

be your own.’<sup>11</sup> This is what the Lord says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight.’<sup>12</sup> You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’”<sup>13</sup> Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan replied, “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.” (NIV)

## WHAT DO I DO NOW?

1. Push the clock forward

2. Eliminate the sin in your life

Colossians 3:5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. (NIV)

Matthew 5:29-30 If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.<sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. (NIV)

3. Realize there is forgiveness and restoration in Christ

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (NIV)

Psalms 51:10-12 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (NIV)

Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (NIV)

## CG Questions

1. What is God’s plan and purpose for our lives?
2. What are some ways we can be distracted from following God’s plan?
3. Why is the topic of adultery so important to God?
4. What are some practical ways we can eliminate sin in our lives?