#### Love or Lust

7 Deadly Sins

### Romans 13:11–14

## Definition

- Excessive thoughts or desires of a sexual nature
- Inordinate craving for the pleasures of the body
- Deliberate harboring of a desire for an illicit relationship

# David and Bathsheba--2 Samuel 11:1-17

- 1 David was not where he should have been. He was not doing what he should have been doing. Additionally, he was not with the people he should have been with.
- 2-4 IT HAPPENED!
- 5 Complications!
- 6-13 Cover up
- 14-17 Death! Sin is deadly-relationships die; opportunities die; reputations die; people die!

# Walk in the love—1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- They say marriage teaches you more about selflessness than you ever wanted to know. Because at the heart of it, real love is all about sacrifice.
- It's about offering forgiveness when you've been hurt.
- It's about giving your time though it's not always convenient.
- It's about sharing your heart when you'd rather hold back.
- It's about cleaning the kitchen.
- It's about choosing to respond with love when you'd rather respond in anger.
- It's about offering a listening ear, when you'd rather tune out or go to bed.
- It's about putting someone else's needs and desires before your own.
- It's about giving up that last bite of cake, just so your spouse can enjoy it.
- It's about laying down your rights, to make way for the rights of another.
- You before me. And we before I.

The more we give, the better we become. Real love is not self-seeking, and it will always cost you. It will cost your heart, your time and your money. It will cost your comfort, your rights and your pride. It will cost you to <u>"lay down your life"</u> for the <u>life of another</u>. And only those who learn to <u>die to themselves</u> are the ones who get to experience the resurrection power that comes with it—resurrection into real love, into real life, and into meaningful relationships.

### 1 Corinthians 7:1–9

Proverbs 5:18-19