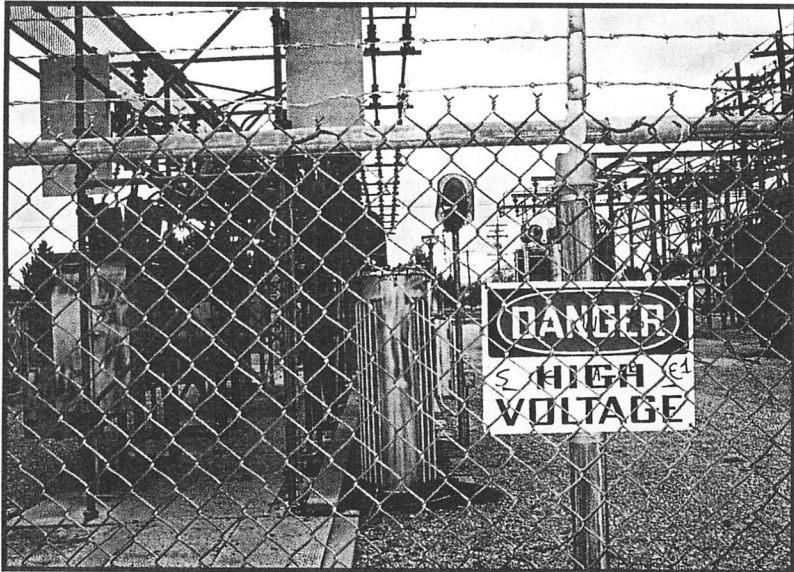


SEXUAL DESIRES

Introduction

Many people consider David their favorite character in the Bible. He was a musician, a poet, a military genius and the greatest leader the nation of Israel ever produced. As a teenager, he volunteered to fight Goliath for the honor of God and his country, and he defeated the giant.

But he had one weakness, and he let it get the best of him. We are going to pick up the story of David and Bathsheba at the time of the year when the king usually went with his army to battle, but David stayed home and let his general lead the army. Listen to the story and move into groups of 4 to discuss the questionnaire. (Also, for a case study on sex, designed especially for youth, see page 135.)



1. This story happened in the spring. Who was your first "crush" or what was your worst case of "spring fever"?
 - Everyone would say, "Ho, hum—again?"
 - Their pictures would be splashed on all the papers.
 - The politician would categorically deny it.
 - The woman would be cast as a bimbo and the villainess.
 - They would both write about it and have competing best-sellers.
 - It would be one of those scandals that quickly fades from the news.

3. Since God created David with sexual urges, when did his thoughts or actions become sin?
 - when he didn't go with the army like he should have
 - when he saw Bathsheba taking a bath
 - when he sent someone to find out about her
 - when he sent messengers to get her
 - when he made love to her

4. How do you imagine Bathsheba felt about this whole affair?

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<input type="checkbox"/> guilty	

5. How do you feel about God's standards for sexual purity? Choose one of the two options in each of the following pairs. God's standards are:

clear _____	unclear _____
outdated _____	relevant _____
attainable _____	unattainable _____
for our good _____	unnecessary _____