

Return to Sender

2 Samuel 11:1-27; 12:1-20

Intro: Have you ever sent a text or an email or a Facebook message or a tweet, etc., that you later regretted?

What if every ill-fated or sinful communication was automatically returned to its sender? A lot of heartache would be avoided and a lot of regret would be averted.

- i. David, don't hit that "send" button!—part 1. 2 Samuel 11:1-4
 - a. The army without their king
 - b. The question to the woman
 - c. The messengers to get the woman

2 Sam. 11:5 "The woman conceived and sent word to David,
saying, "I am pregnant."

- ii. David, don't hit the "send" button—part 2. 2 Samuel 11:6-25
 - a. The summons for Uriah*
 - b. The letter sent back *with* Uriah
 - c. The "encouragement" to his commander Joab

2 Sam. 11:27b "But the thing David had done displeased the LORD."

- iii. David, return to your Sender. 2 Samuel 12:1-13
 - a. The LORD sends Nathan to David
 - b. David unknowingly burns with anger at his own sin
 - c. David's heart returns to the LORD

2 Sam. 12:20a "Then David...went into the house of the LORD and worshiped."

Close: We have all hit the "send" button in sinfulness. That is why God *sent* His Son into the world—to save us from sin. So that with Jesus we can return to the LORD with thanksgiving in worship.