The Other Man

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INTRODUCTION

- Inevitable fact of the Christian life is that sometimes discouragements come.
- Tonight I want to talk to you about a man who could relate to that experience.
- I don't want to talk to you about David or Bathsheba. I want to talk to you about the other man.

1 The Story From Uriah's Perspective

2 Samuel 11

- Uriah is informed that the king himself has requested his presence back in Jerusalem.
- But he's a soldier. And so he obeys orders. Except for this one time. He doesn't go home.
- And at the king's insistence, Uriah becomes intoxicated. But still sleeps on the doorsteps.
- You see, the story is much different from Uriah's viewpoint, isn't it? Because Uriah is the other man.

2 Uriah Is a Good Man

2 Samuel 23; 2 Samuel 11:11

- Everything that I read in the text leads me to the conclusion that this was a good man. Uriah the Hittite exhibited bravery.
- The text also leads us to believe that he was a man of tremendous loyalty.
- The first thing that he says in 2 Samuel 11, verse 11, the ark of God is on the battlefield.
- That tells me that this was a good man in a wicked world.
- That tells me that being, quote, raised in the church is not a requirement to be a faithful Christian.

3 That Can Be You

2 Timothy 1:7–8; 1 Corinthians 16:13

- For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
- Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.
- We need loyalty to God. We need loyalty to the church, and we need loyalty to one another.
- You can be concerned about the things of God.

4 He Didn't Live in a Perfect World

- But guess what? He didn't live in a perfect world. And neither do we.
- He got him drunk in an attempt to lower his standards of loyalty and concern for the things of God.
- Righteous people are so often naive to the schemes of the wicked.

- The bad things that happened to Uriah didn't happen in spite of his goodness. They happened because of his goodness.
- And people will try to get you to lower your standards. They'll try to get you to compromise. And when you refuse, they may seek to destroy you.

5 Would You Do It Again?

Hebrews 11:32–40

- Will we serve God? Will we do what is right no matter what?
- Even if there's immediate punishment and retribution for doing the right thing, will you still do the right thing?
- Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they may obtain a better resurrection.
- Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.
- These stories of not only faith, but of endurance and hardship are recorded for a reason.

THE CHALLENGE

May we have a little of that bravery and loyalty tonight. May we take that heart with us as we go out into this world that cares little for God and again let our light shine. May God help us to endure to the end.

MY NOTES