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# Application Guide: 2 Samuel 3

## 1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Have you ever had a crush on two people at the same time? Do you think it would be hard to date two people at once? Why/why not?

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- b. Have you ever said something and then wished you could take it back immediately? Is it easy to take back hurtful things you've said? Why/why not?

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## 2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

**Background:** Notice that here, in the first few verses of Chapter 3, it is recorded that David had 6 sons born to him while he lived in Hebron. Did you also notice that these son's mothers all had different names? In Bible times it was common for kings to have more than one wife. Many kings also had lots of concubines. Why do you think it was acceptable for kings to live and have children with so many different women at the same in those days?

Why do you think it is not acceptable—in fact it is illegal—to have more than one wife in the United States today?

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What do you think would be the hardest part about having more than one spouse at the same time? What would be the best part? Do you think the best part would outweigh the worst part? Why/why not?

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**More Background:** In the next part of this chapter we see some of the problem with having too many wives/girlfriends at once. Ishbosheth, Saul's son, accused Abner, the commander of Saul's army, of sleeping with one of

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his father's concubines. This led to Abner defecting to David's side and ending the reign of Saul's son over Israel. All the betrayal, fighting, death in this chapter was over women and sex. Do boys/men still fight over girls/women today? Why do you think that is? Do you think girls/women like being fought over? Why/why not?

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One of David's greatest mistakes recorded in the Bible is when he saw Bathsheba bathing on her roof and sent for her so that he could sleep with her. How much of this situation do you think was due to the fact that the culture considered it acceptable for kings to sleep with lots of women? Do you think David would have made the same kind of mistake if he were the president of the united states today? Why/why not?

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### **3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)**

- a. After reading about all the drama over sex in this chapter it would be a great time to make a vow to wait until marriage to have sex. Ask your parents or youth leader about how to take a purity vow. Google "true love waits" and "vows of purity" for ideas and curriculums for doing this.
- b. Have a discussion with your parents or a youth leader about how watching movies with sex and love scenes and listening to music with sexually explicit lyrics can impact your own personal views of sex and love.

### **4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)**

- a. Pray for God to help you have pure thoughts towards other people.
- b. Pray for Jesus to help you to choose to avoid entertainment that is sexually inappropriate.
- c. Pray for your future spouse and for yourself to remain pure until the day that God brings you together in marriage.