

## **X-rated Bible stories**

Are some Bible stories a bit gross? Like King David's adultery with Bathsheba and the subsequent wilful murder of her husband, Uriah?

Yes, God made sure that such sordid details are included in His Book to show us that He knows only too well the frailties of our human hearts.

However, in contrast with today's x-rated literature, stage shows, TV and movies, etc., the manner in which David's actions are described in the Bible in no way glamorises sin or tends to encourage us to go out and copy it.

On the contrary, we read of God's disapproval – “the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.” 2 Samuel 11.27. And we see, in detail, the sorrow and shame which David's folly brought to him and his whole household. 2 Samuel 12.9-14.

The good news in this particular x-rated narrative is David's deep repentance and confession of his sin (Psalm 51), his assurance of forgiveness (Psalm 32.1-2), and the reminder to mankind that no matter how deep our sin and despair, God's love goes deeper.

And we should forgive as we have been forgiven. See Ephesians 4.32. In fact, we should keep a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of our friends.

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**How much can God forgive? Everything!**

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