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2 Samuel 11:9

“But Uriah slept at the door of the King’s house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.” 2 Samuel 11:9

The heart of a true intercessor is one who willingly chooses to identify with those for whom they are praying. It is not enough to utter a few words of prayer – they must relate in a practical and honest way with those whom they desire to see God touch, or shall we say, those whom God has placed upon their hearts. Uriah makes a conscious choice to continue relating to those he has been in battle with rather than to enjoy a night of comfort and pleasure at home (though nothing would have been wrong with his desires or actions had he gone home to be with his family.) However, his actions and attitudes of heart reveal the posture of an intercessor – a willingness to live like those for whom you have been called to pray!

Moses refused the title of Pharaoh’s son and “chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasure of sin.” (Hebrews 11:24-25) The apostle Paul’s heart cry because of his great love for his people was that he might be cut off from Christ that Israel might know the Messiah! (Romans 9:3) And of course, our blessed Saviour, Who “made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bond servant, and coming in the likeness of man” (Philippians 2:7), forever leads us by example and compassion of heart!

To whom has God called you to relate? Whose infirmities and weaknesses touch your heart? What is it that moves your heart with the compassion of Christ? For what cause will you lay down your life? How does Uriah’s example motivate your Christian living?

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