The Other Man

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INTRODUCTION

- There's another character that can kind of get lost in this story. And I've simply given him the title, The Other Man.
- This morning I'd like to talk to you about Uriah the Hittite.

1 The Story from Uriah's Vantage Point

2 Samuel 11

- If the story is told from his vantage point, the story begins in the spring of the year.
- Knowing that his fellow soldiers were still on the battlefield, he just couldn't bring himself to go home. And so he slept there on the steps.
- He's later sent back to the battlefield with a scroll that has been sealed with the king's seal.
- It's a very different story told from the vantage point of the victim here, isn't it?

2 Uriah Was a Good Man

2 Samuel 23; 2 Samuel 11:11

- I would argue for this morning that what we do know about Uriah is good.
- 2 Samuel 23 tells us that he was in the elite of the soldiers of the army of Israel. The top 37 soldiers.
- Uriah must have been a brave soldier and a brave man.
- He was loyal. His two refusals to go back home were partly because he said, My fellow soldiers are still on the battlefield.
- The ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my Lord Joab and the servants of my Lord are encamped in the open fields.
- He was concerned about the Ark of God, which represented the presence of God.

3 That Can Be You

1 Corinthians 16:13

- Watch. Stand fast in the faith. Be brave. Be strong.
- Paul is saying being a soldier in the army of God requires bravery.
- I will do my part in the kingdom because my fellow soldiers are on the battlefield, sleeping in tents.
- Jesus said, seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

4 A Good Man in a Wicked World

John 15:20

- Uriah, I would argue, is a good man. But he was in a wicked world.
- The first step was David tried to get him to lower his standards.

- When Uriah wouldn't go along and wouldn't compromise, David had him killed.
- The horrible injustices that happened to Uriah didn't happen to him in spite of him being a good man. They happened to him because he was a good man.
- A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.

5 Do It Anyway

Hebrews 11:32–38

- That's the bad news, but what's the good news? This is the good news. Do it anyway.
- Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance that they might obtain a better resurrection.
- Why? Because they stood on the side of God.
- Seeing that you are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run the race.
- It's going to be a real test in our life as to whether we'll make a stand for God or not.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you make a stand this morning? To be brave, to be loyal, to be concerned about the things of God.

MY NOTES