

WHEN THE ANSWER ISN'T EASY

(2 Samuel 12:15-31)

1. More than just the participant in a **SIN SUFFERS**. (Romans 6:23; Psalm 51; Numbers 32:23)
2. Regardless of how our situation appears, it is our privilege to humbly **POUR OUT** our heart to the Lord. (Psalm 62:8; Jeremiah 29:13; Matthew 6:33; Lamentations 2:19; Daniel 9:4-19; Hebrews 4:15-16)
3. God's **SOVEREIGNTY** is more solid and secure than our **SENTIMENT**. (Isaiah 55:8-9; Job 1:21, 9:4-10, 11:7, 26:14; Psalm 139:6, 145:3; Isaiah 40:13-14; Romans 11:33; Deuteronomy 29:29; 2 Corinthians 4:18; Proverbs 14:12; Isaiah 40:28)
4. In the midst of despair, **WORSHIP** can change our perspective. (Philippians 4:6-7; Hebrews 12:1-2; Romans 12:1-2; Psalm 103:1-5; Isaiah 6:4-8; Psalm 16:11, 73:23-26)
5. Just as God allows U-turns, God gives **FRESH STARTS** and reminds us of His **LOVE**. (2 Corinthians 5:17; Luke 5:36-38; Revelation 21:5; Isaiah 43:18-19, 55:6; Romans 6:3-4; Joel 2:25; Ephesians 4:22-24)
6. When we confess and repent of our sin, we are able to experience greater **POTENTIAL** (and God's subsequent **BLESSING** for us.) (Ephesians 1:18, 2:10; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Matthew 7:13-14; Micah 6:8; John 8:34, 15:16; Romans 6:16; Proverbs 21:26; Colossians 2:13; 1 John 1:9)



Taking it further to help you **THRIVE...**

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Some would say that if you knew prayer wasn't going to change the outcome of a situation (that is, you would not receive what you desire), then there is no point in praying. Is this true? How would you respond to such a statement? Regardless of the 'outcome', what does prayer accomplish?
3. In the midst of / immediately following a very low point in David's life, he goes into the sanctuary and worships the Lord (verse 20). Describe a time during worship (whether a personal or corporate time) when the Holy Spirit spoke to your heart / checked you / changed your perspective about something you were facing. We have said before that worshiping God is WAY MORE than singing a song. What is it?
4. Spend some time 'unpacking' point #3 from the message: "God's SOVEREIGNTY is more solid and secure than our SENTIMENT."
5. David repented and was given a fresh start, but the consequences of his sin were not removed. What does this teach us about the forgiveness of God? Why might God not take away the consequences?
6. Once David was restored, he wrapped up the battle against the Ammonites with a victory. In what ways does living in sin rob us of our potential in Christ? Why is confession and repentance so vital to Kingdom fruitfulness?