

David and Nathan  
2 Samuel 12

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QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. Who is a “Nathan” in your life who can confront you on your areas of weakness? Are you a “Nathan” to someone else? Are there any steps you need to take to pursue relationships like this?
2. When we are tempted, Satan tempts us with the allure of sin but doesn’t show us its actual effects. How have you experienced the misery of sin like David did?
3. Chris said that even when God forgives sin, it still has consequences. What are some of the consequences of sin that you’ve experienced (either your own or someone else’s sin)?
4. Even though David faced terrible consequences, he believed that God had taken away his sin. He got up and kept living. Do you struggle to believe that God has actually forgiven your sin? Why or why not?
5. Spend some time reading and praying through **Psalm 32**. Feel free to use this as a guide (may be most helpful with the NIV):
  - a. Verses 1-2 – Thank God for the sins He has forgiven. To be forgiven, they had to be “covered.” If we refuse to confess our sin, our spirits are deceitful.
  - b. Verses 3-4 – Think of a time that you resisted God and remained in sin. How did that affect you?
  - c. Verse 5 – What sin is present in your life? Spend some time confessing that sin.
  - d. Verses 6-7 – When we confess our sin, we are “hidden in Christ.” Think of ways that God protects us when we hide in Him.
  - e. Verses 8-10 – God instructs us for His glory and our good. Pray that you would not be motivated by force, like a horse; rather, that you would be motivated by the unfailing love of God that surrounds you. He is a loving Father to us.
  - f. Verse 11 – David commands us to rejoice in God. Ask God to produce a joy in your heart that can only come through obedience to Him.