

"MENDING THE NET" OF A FRIEND

II Samuel 12:1-15

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Unveiling your love for fellow believers:
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- B. The difficult assignment of lovingly, rescuing a friend: (*Ja. 5:19-20; I Jn. 5:16-17; I Cor. 11:30*)
 - 1.
 - 2.
- C. The blueprint for "bearing a believer's burden": (*Gal. 6:1-2*)
 - 1. A "brother", fellow lover of the Lord:
 - 2. The "fault", a Biblical absolute:
 - 3. "You who are spiritual", the qualifier:
 - 4. The command to "restore", mend the net:
 - 5. The importance of a "spirit of meekness" – next time, it could be me:

II. NATHAN, THE STORY OF THE FRIEND WHO DARED TO LOVE:

- A. Promptly and accurately addressing the essentials: vv. 1-12, 15a
 - 1. Timing: v. 1
 - a.
 - b.
 - 2. Carefully chosen words: vv. 1-6 (*Pro. 25:11-12*)
 - 3. Courage from above: v. 7
 - 4. Dealing with absolute truth: vv. 8-12
 - 5. Keeping the encounter it brief: v. 15a
- B. Hoping to see brokenness, not just tears: v. 13 (*See Heb. 12:17*)
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 - 2.
 - 3.
- C. Exposing the depth of sinful choices: v. 14
 - 1.
 - 2.

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.

SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breathe my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.