## 2 SAMUEL

THE STORY OF UNLIKELY REDEMPTION



"David has just emerged from an episode in which he has been all but oblivious of God, attempting to assert his own mastery of life, and in which he has been cruelly indifferent to the people around him: Bathsheba was an object; Uriah an obstruction; Joab a tool."

- Eugene Peterson



## 2 Samuel 12:15-31 reminds us:

1. Sometimes God must use extreme measures to bring us to repentance and realign our affections.

"How many hundreds of times have I said from the pulpit that if you cannot come to Christ with a broken heart, come to Him for a broken heart! If you cannot come as you should, come any way that you can, in order that you may be taught to come as you ought! It is quite true that your condition is bad, but then Christ 'came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

- C. H. Spurgeon

## 2 Samuel 12:15-31 reminds us:

2. True repentance becomes a way of life.

"When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said 'Repent,' he intended that the entire life of believers should be repentance."

- Martin Luther

## 2 Samuel 12:15-31 reminds us:

3. Not all prayers accompanied by sincere repentance are answered on our terms.

"Before we can begin to see the cross as something done 'for' us (leading us to faith and worship), we have to see it as something done 'by' us (leading us to repentance)."

- John Stott

The Cross of Christ

"The aim of the law of God is not to make religious insiders feel better about themselves, but to move us all to repentance and faith, humbled under grace together."

- Christopher Ash