

David The Great

2 Samuel 12

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2 Samuel 11:27 (NLT)

²⁷When the period of mourning was over, David sent for her and brought her to the palace, and she became one of his wives. Then she gave birth to a son. But the LORD was displeased with what David had done.

2 Samuel 12:1-12 (NLT)

¹ So the LORD sent Nathan the prophet to tell David this story: "There were two men in a certain town. One was rich, and one was poor. ² The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. ³ The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children. It ate from the man's own plate and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. ⁴ One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man's lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest." ⁵ David was furious. "As surely as the LORD lives," he vowed, "any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! ⁶ He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity." ⁷ Then Nathan said to David, "You are that man! The LORD, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. ⁸ I gave you your master's house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more. ⁹ Why, then, have you despised the word of the LORD and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife. ¹⁰ From this time on, your family will live by the sword because you have despised me by taking Uriah's wife to be your own. ¹¹ "This is what the LORD says: Because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you. I will give your wives to another man before your very eyes, and he will go to bed with them in public view. ¹² You did it secretly, but I will make this happen to you openly in the sight of all Israel."

2 Samuel 12:7 (NLT)

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, "**You are that man!**"

- **Confession of his personal sin!**

2 Samuel 12:13-14 (NLT)

¹³ Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "Yes, but the LORD has forgiven you, and you won't die for this sin. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, because you have shown utter contempt for the word of the LORD by doing this, your child will die."

What reveals your true character is the willingness to confess and endure the pain.

But the grace and mercy of God did not pardon David from the consequences for his actions.

Nathan shares the consequences for David's sins.

- Your family will **live by the sword**.
- Your household will **rebel against you**.
- I will **give your wives** to another man.
- What you did in secret, this will happen in **public view**.
- Your **newborn child will die**!

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2 Samuel 12:6 (NLT)

⁶He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity.”

David responded to the prophet by...

- a. **Receiving** the Word of God
- b. Not making **excuses**
- c. **Owning up** to his mistakes/sins
- d. **Acknowledging** he wasn't the Lord
- e. **Humbling** himself
- f. **Recognizing** his failures
- g. **Confessing/repenting** of his sin

Galatians 6:1(NLT)

¹ Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

ESV – says restore with a **spirit of gentleness**.

James 5:19-20 (NLT)

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, ²⁰ you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

“By God’s grace, He burdens us with guilt in order to open us up and prepare us to hear His correction. Guilt is an instrument of God to drive us toward grace. It is proof that God still loves us too much to leave us alone!” – Dr. Mark Rutland

Psalms 51 and Psalms 32