

# WHEN THE PROBLEM IS YOU!

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## 2 Samuel 12:1-7

1 And the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. [2] The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: [3] But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. [4] And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. 5) And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: 6) And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. 7) And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man."

(GNT) "The Lord sent the prophet Nathan to David. Nathan went to him and said, "There were two men who lived in the same town; one was rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had many cattle and sheep, 3 while the poor man had only one lamb, which he had bought. He took care of it, and it grew up in his home with his children. He would feed it some of his own food, let it drink from his cup, and hold it in his lap. The lamb was like a daughter to him. 4 One day a visitor arrived at the rich man's home. The rich man didn't want to kill one of his own animals to fix a meal for him; instead, he took the poor man's lamb and prepared a meal for his guest." 5 David became very angry at the rich man and said, "I swear by the living Lord that the man who did this ought to die! 6 For having done such a cruel thing, he must pay back four times as much as he took." 7 "You are that man," Nathan said to

**David."**

SUBJ: When you're the problem!

INTRO: How many of y'all would admit that sometimes it ain't everything and everyone else's fault, when they're issues and problems in your life, sometimes it's you!

(NOTE: Sometimes you are the problem is you!)

**(Pastor Sam) "If the devil always show up everywhere you go, you might be bringing him with you!"**

(NOTE: If everybody is always starting trouble with you, you might be the trouble!)

Sometimes the problem is you!

(SONG) That's why the psalmist says, "Lord, Hide me from the enemy, even if the enemy is me!"

Because sometimes, you're the enemy. Sometimes you're the problem!

**2 Samuel 12:13-14**

**13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. 14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.**

(EXPOUND) Sometimes the reason why some things don't workout in your life, is because of you!

(NOTE: Sometimes It ain't nobody else fault but yours!) You can't blame other people when you're the problem.

(EXP#) Sometimes you're the reason why you're having problems on your job.

(NOTE: The boss ain't just picking on you, you just ain't doing your job.) You come late and leave early, plus your attitude is bad.

(EXP#) Sometimes you're the reason why you're having health issues.

(NOTE: The devil ain't always attacking your health, sometimes you ain't eating and drinking the right things.) And you definitely ain't exercising like you should be.

(EXP#) Sometimes you're the reason why you're having financial difficulties.

(NOTE: The devil ain't always attacking your finances, you just wasting too much money and not doing what you're supposed to be doing.)

(EXP#) Sometimes you're the reason why you're having marital problems.

(NOTE: Your spouse is just doing what you're doing.)

(EXP#) Sometimes you're the reason why you're having problems with your child.

(NOTE: Your child is acting the same way you act towards them.)

(EXP#) Sometimes you're the reason why you're having issues at your church.

(NOTE: It ain't always the spirit in them, sometimes it's the spirit in you.)

Sometimes you are the problem!

### **Matthew 17:18-20**

**18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**

(EXPOUND) Sometimes you're the reason why you're not seeing the power of GOD moving in your life!

### **2 Samuel 12:13**

**And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.**

## **3 THINGS WE NEED TO DO WHEN YOU ARE THE PROBLEM?**

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## **#1 RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THAT YOU ARE THE PROBLEM!**

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(EXPOUND) Listen, we all make mistakes and can be wrong sometimes.

(NOTE: It's part of being human!)

Paul says in

**Romans 3:23**

**For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God**

(EXPOUND) We all have come short some way and some how, because ain't none of us perfect!

(NOTE: And If you say you're perfect or you don't make mistakes, let me pray for you right now because you're lying!)

**Isaiah 64:6 KJV**

**But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.**

**Isaiah 64:6 MSG**

**We're all sin-infected, sin-contaminated. Our best efforts are grease-**

**stained rags. We dry up like autumn leaves — sin-dried, we're blown off by the wind.**

(EXPOUND) we all make mistakes and can be wrong sometimes.

But our problem, is that we're quick to identify somebody else is the problem, before we recognize that we're the problem!

### **Genesis 3:9-12**

**9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.**

(EXPOUND) Adam said, "GOD the woman you gave me, is the problem!"

But what she did, didn't become a problem, until you became the problem!

### **2 Samuel 12:13**

**And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.**

(EXPOUND) David said, "I recognize I'm the problem!"

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## **#2 REPENT FOR BEING THE PROBLEM!**

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(EXPOUND) You need to REPENT for your actions and the things that you've done.

Paul said in

**Acts 3:19**

**Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord**

(EXPOUND) When you repent, you open yourself up to be refreshed by the Lord!

**1 John 1:9**

**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(EXPOUND) If we repent, GOD will forgive us!

**QUOTE: "The wonderful news is that our Lord is a God of**

## **mercy, and He responds to repentance." - Billy Graham**

Whenever you repent, you can't expect GOD to respond!

**2 Samuel 12:13**

**And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.**

(EXPOUND) David repented and GOD responded!

(EXPOUND) And look what happens When you repent:

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## **#2A IT STARTS THE BEGINNING OF YOUR RECOVERY!**

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(EXPOUND) Repenting is the first step of your recovery!

(NOTE: As long as you keep denying that you're the problem, you'll keep being the problem!)

(EXP#) It'll keep you living ashamed.

(EXP#) It'll keep you living in denial!

(EXP#) It'll keep you living out of the presence of GOD!

And Until you accept personal responsibility for your actions or mistakes, you'll never recover from them!

(NOTE: You will always be a prisoner to your mistakes!)

### **2 Samuel 12:13**

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(EXPOUND) David repented that he was the problem and it started the beginning of his recovery!

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## **#2b REPENTANCE PUTS YOU BACK ON THE PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!**

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(EXPOUND) When you can accept the reality that you're the problem, it will allow you to truly see yourself and puts you in the position for GOD to restore you back to righteousness!

### **1 John 1:9**

**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(EXPOUND) It's only when you accept personal responsibility for your actions and you come clean about it, then GOD will be able to clean you from it!

(NOTE: If you don't confess it, you're not spiritually cleaned and you're unable to be truly righteous, even if you start doing the right things.)

CONCLUSION:

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## **#3 MOVE ON FROM THE PROBLEM!**

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(EXPOUND) After you realize you're the problem and you repent for being the problem, then move on from the problem!

(NOTE: It's over so move on!)

### **2 Samuel 12:20-24**

**20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. 21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. 22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I**

**fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? 23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me. 24 And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him.**

(EXPOUND) You got to move on because GOD has something great in store for you!

### **Philippians 3:13**

**Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before!**

(EXPOUND) You have to move on to what GOD has for your life!

### **Isaiah 43:18-19**

**18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.**

(EXPOUND) Don't even think about the things you used to do OR the places you used to go because that's over!

