

2 Samuel 12:1-20

Sinned Against the Lord

Do you praise God for His pursuit and His discipline?

2 Samuel 12:1 Then the Lord sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said,

"There were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor.

2 "The rich man had a great many flocks and herds.

3 "But the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb

Which he bought and nourished; And it grew up together with him and his children. It would eat of his bread and drink of his cup and lie in his bosom, And was like a daughter to him.

4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man,

And he was unwilling to take from his own flock or his own herd,

To prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him;

Rather **he took the poor man's ewe lamb** and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

2 Samuel 12:5 Then David's anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, surely the man who has done this **deserves to die.** **6** He must make restitution for the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion."

1. The Lord pursued David's heart and sent Nathan to David to confront David's sin.

2 Samuel 12:7 Nathan then said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord God of Israel, 'It is I who anointed you king over Israel and it is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul. **8** I also gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your care, and I gave you the house of Israel and Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added to you many more things like these! **9** Why have **you despised the word of the Lord by doing evil in His sight?** You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon. **10** Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because **you have despised Me** and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

2 Samuel 12:11 Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; I will even take your wives before your eyes and give them to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. **12** Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and under the sun.'" **13** Then David said to Nathan, **"I have sinned against the Lord."** And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has taken away your sin; you shall not die. **14** However, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die." **15a** So Nathan went to his house.

2. David offers a few words of genuine repentance.

2 Samuel 12:15b Then the Lord struck the child that Uriah's widow bore to David, so that he was very sick. **16** David therefore inquired of God for the child; and David fasted and went and lay all night on the ground. **17** The elders of his household stood beside him in order to raise him up from the ground, but he was unwilling and would not eat food with them. **18** Then it happened on the seventh day that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was still alive, we spoke to him and he did not listen to our voice. How then can we tell him that the child is dead, since he might do himself harm!"

2 Samuel 12:19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; so David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead." **20** So David arose from the ground, washed, anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he came into the house of the Lord & **worshiped.** Then he came to his own house, and when he requested, they set food before him and he ate.

3. The right response when we have abused power, acted impure & suffered loss is to worship!

- (negatives)

Sinning runs from His love...

Hiding sin ignores His love...

+ (positives)

Confessing sin trusts His love...

Confronting sin is best done in His love...

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

Trust God's pursuit and discipline as loving.

Be lovingly honest like Nathan.

Be humbly approachable like David.