

## Sin and Grace (Part 1)

In our last study in the life of David we read about David and Bathsheba. Up to this point in our study, we couldn't help but be impressed with David. He walked in integrity, depending on God, making righteous and Godly decisions...then the "rooftop" The last thing we read is:

*"...But the thing David had done displeased the Lord."*

God had firmly been on the throne of David's life, he was fully submitted to him. Now we see that David is using his power to manipulate the things around him. We read several times how David "sent" this person, that person controlling everything around him. (Acting like he is God)

Maybe in the middle of his life things had become routine and even lose their meaning. A year had passed..."maybe I got away with it". But in heaven it was an open scandal, then:

*"The Lord sent Nathan to David"*

Sin always has a ripple affect in our lives and the lives of those around us. Bathsheba would become part of the story and even part of the lineage of the Messiah.

This week will address when we sin  
 Next week will be about when people sin against us

### Text

*"The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, 3 but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. 4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him " 5 David burned with anger against the man and*

mean for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.” 5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! 6 He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.” 7 Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. 9 Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’ 11 “This is what the Lord says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. 12 You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’” 13 Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan replied, “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. 14 But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the Lord, the son born to you will die.”

## **(2 Samuel 12:1-14)**

**1. Conviction:** The Root of Sin is the desire to replace God with self.

***“Sin is not just the breaking of a rule, it is the rejecting of a relationship.”*** (Tim Keller)

**The first step of repentance is to embrace God again.**

Conviction is meant to bring us back to God.

***“Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” (:13)***

**2. Repentance:** Exposing Sin begins the Healing Process.

- Do we critique in others what we condone in ourselves?
- There are no exemptions from consequences.

***“Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.”***

*“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13)*

***If you cover your sin, Jesus will expose it in judgment; if you expose your sin, Jesus will cover it in grace.***

*“Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more.” (John 8:11)*

**Why do we purify ourselves? Not because we are afraid to get caught or because we feel guilty, or ashamed, but because we love Jesus and can't wait to see him and want to be like him!**

*“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.” (1 John 3:1-3)*

**Psalm 51 Caption:** *“For the director of music, a psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.”*

*“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. 5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. 6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. 7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my*

ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. 15 Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. (Psalm 51:1-17)

**Confessing sin to God brings forgiveness. Confessing sin to others brings healing.**

***“Confession doesn’t hurt people, sin hurts people.”***

*“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16)*

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1) On page one of our notes David had committed adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband Uriah murdered. A year had passed; David was acting like he was God sending people to accomplish what he wanted. He thought he had gotten away with this; discuss how God was viewing this and what he did.
- 2) Discuss *Conviction* and that it is the Root of Sin is the desire to replace God with self. Have you ever been here? Also discuss the purpose of conviction; “It is meant to bring us back to God”
- 3) Two more discussion points on *Conviction*. First what does Tim Keller’s quote say to you, “*Sin is not just the breaking of a rule, it is the rejecting of a relationship*”. Also, does this make conviction and repentance look different than you once thought? “*The first step of repentance is to embrace God again*”
- 4) Randy taught us that; “Exposing Sin begins the Healing Process”. From the beginning we see our human tendencies in Adam and Eve hiding from God after sinning. Please discuss the fact that we need to go to God not run or hide. Also where does the instruction to confess our sins to one another fit in this healing process?
- 5) It’s not something we like to talk about but the reality is; “*There are no exemptions from consequences*”. As with David, we will experience consequences for our sin, discuss this old saying: “*Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay*”

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6) Please discuss these last two statements:

*"If you cover your sin, Jesus will expose it in judgment; if you expose your sin, Jesus will cover it in grace"*

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