

1. While David is an example of God raising up someone from his purposes, he is not above accountability or immune from the devastation of sin.
2. David's cover-up of his sin delays repentance and deepens the problem. Sin distorts and leads to foolish decisions.
3. Instead of immediate judgement, God sends His Word to David through the prophet Nathan. God exemplifies that He desires to redeem rather than destroy. This is an example that conviction is an act of mercy, not condemnation.
4. When Nathan tells the parable, David's God-given, righteous anger leads him to unknowingly pronounce judgement on himself.
5. Nathan's confrontation opens the door for David to acknowledge his sin before God. This sets the stage for restoration, even though the consequences remain.
6. One consequence of David's sin is the death of his infant son. David feels the pain of the grief sin causes, but because of the forgiveness of sins, he seeks more than ever to go into a deeper relationship with his Heavenly Father.
7. Once more, peace returns to Davids life – Bathsheba is truly his wife and God blesses their union and God gives them a son, Solomon, the future king.
8. Everything in David's life ultimately points to the God behind David. This is an Old Testament passage that supports Romans 3:23 – David brings sin, but God intervenes and causes all things to work together for good – for His Glory.

## GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

**Raca** (*raw-ah*); to spoil (literally, by breaking to pieces); evil (physically, socially or morally) :— (do) wicked

## QUOTES

“O what mercy did God display on this occasion; that instead of cutting off the royal miscreant by some signal judgment, he sent a prophet to awaken his drowsy conscience, and bring him to repentance! Clear enough it is from whence repentance must proceed: if God work it not in us by his Holy Spirit, we shall be altogether as insensible as a rock. Let none of us then indulge a proud security, or imagine ourselves out of the reach of temptation.”

-Simeon, C. 183

[David sees] “...sin as against God, and God as the Holy One...lower than this penitence could not descend; higher than this faith could not rise.”

Alfred Edersheim 1862

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

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King of Kings  
Thank You Jesus For The Blood

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1) Nathan the prophet was sent by God to confront David about his sin—an unenviable assignment that required courage and wisdom. Read 2 Samuel 7:1-7 to gain more insight into the relationship they shared. By using a parable instead of merely stating sin, the former shepherd, King David, is emotionally drawn into the story of a beloved lamb, and Nathan is spared from rendering a judgment.

-Why do you think God sent Nathan instead of waiting for David to repent on his own?

-What causes some people to respond quickly to conviction of sin and some not?

-Jesus also used parables to convey truth and understanding. In a world filled with texting and emojis, is there a place for stories to enhance communication today?

2) In 2 Samuel 12:9, 10, David is described as despising two things. What are they?

-How does this relate to John 1:1?

-Is it possible to love the Lord and not love or follow His Word?

-What are some practical ways we can reflect a true love for the Word?

3) David is called out for “doing what is evil” in the eyes of the Lord. What is the difference between sin and evil? Do they both describe conditions of the heart, behavioral choices and thoughts? Is all evil sin? Is all sin evil?

4) The sermon refers to the “mercy of conviction” as a blessing from God. What does this mean to you? Can you share about a time you felt conviction? Looking back, what did the Holy Spirit use to show you the need for repentance (the Word, a song, inner prompting, example of another)? What was the outcome?

5) The sermon also referred to the “painful effect of sin.” David’s sin, like ours, has consequences. Explain how God’s trustworthiness, holiness, and faithfulness at times can appear on the surface as unloving or at odds with forgiveness.

*This week:* Many believe their background disqualifies them for service to God. Yet, it is from the line of Bathsheba that Jesus would be born. Ask the Lord to show you any lies you have allowed to keep you from serving Him.