



The Gospel According to David: Confrontation – March 2023

King David lusted after a married woman named Bathsheba. When she became pregnant with his child, he had her husband killed and married her to cover up his sin. However, this sin wasn't hidden from God. The Lord sent Nathan to David with a message. Nathan told David a story of two men, a rich man and a poor man. The rich man had a large number of sheep, while the poor man only had one little lamb that he loved dearly and treated like his own child. When a traveler came to the rich man, instead of slaughtering one of his own sheep, the rich man took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the traveler to eat. David responded with great anger. "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity" Nathan replied, "You are the man!" King David had everything, but still took another man's wife. David repented of this wrongdoing (Psalm 51), and Nathan passed along God's message of forgiveness.

[Read 2 Samuel 12:1-25 & Psalm 51, Hebrews 12:10-11](#)

1. Why do our greatest flaws and habits of the hearts hurt us the most, and by definition are the ones we don't see?
2. Why is pride one of the greatest of all sins?

3. What does this quote mean to you?
"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done" & those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done" C. S. Lewis
4. How can the wounds of a friend be faithful?
5. Thomas Cranmer once wrote, "What the heart loves, the will chooses, & the mind justifies." What does this mean to you?
6. Are there times in the past and even present where you came back to the Lord through repentance? What brought about the repentance?

