

Sermon: Confronting Sin

2 Samuel 12

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⁷ Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸ I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹ Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. ¹² For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." ¹³ David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan said to David, "Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child that is born to you shall die." 2 Samuel 12:7-14

I. The nature of sin

- Sin is _____.
- Sin hurts the _____ and the _____.
- What we think about sin is ultimately what we think about our _____.
- Dealing with personal sin is a _____.

II. Un-confessed sin leads to _____.

III. _____ for the offender and _____ of the sin emboldens one to _____.

- Obey the _____ of God to confront the offender. (12:1)

B. Love overcomes the fear of the offender's _____ and _____.

C. Help the offender recall God's _____ in his/her life. (12:7-8)

D. Name the _____. (12:9)

E. Help the offender see the _____ of his/her sin. (12:10-12)

F. Assist the offender in _____ his/her sin. (12:13a)

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. (Psalms 51:4)

G. Accept God's _____. (12:13b)

- God wants you to live in the _____.
- Satan wants you to live in the _____.

H. Forgiveness does not erase the _____ of sin.

The principle of sowing and reaping.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. (Galatians 6:7-8)

I. Forgiveness does erase the sin in God's _____.

- God's power and prerogative to forgive.**
I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. (Isaiah 43:25)
- The truth of vicarious atonement of Jesus Christ**
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor. 5:21)