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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 10.20.24 Pulpit Curriculum

God Confronts David's Sin

Main passage: 2 Samuel 12

Nathan's Rebuke (v. 1 - 12)

The Lord sent Nathan to rebuke and rescue David. Nathan does so by building a relationship with David, and boldly and winsomely sharing a parable with him. We tend to hide our sin, and we need others to confront us as Nathan does for David.

- Becoming correctable
 - 1) Develop relationships
 - 2) Open your life
 - 3) Ask for accountability
 - 4) Walk by the Spirit
 - 5) Look at self instead of others
 - A. Summarize the story Nathan shares with David. How is it applicable to David's sin? (1 Cor. 7; Lev. 18) _____

 - B. How does David respond to the parable? How is his response a warning to Bible churches? _____

 - C. In which of the areas above, do you need to grow in becoming correctable? How can your life group help? _____

David's Repentance (v. 13)

- The Severity of David's Actions- David was an expert in knowing the Bible, but he did not faithfully live out the Scriptures. He knew the Bible (references Ex. 22:1), but he was distant from God. David broke five of the Ten Commandments in one episode. He also underestimated Bathsheba's identity as the wife of Uriah the Hittite; an image bearer; daughter; another man's wife. God personally avenges the improper handling of a brother or sister in Christ (1 Thess. 4:3-7).
- The Grace of God's Forbearance- God offered David an opportunity to make things right himself in the year following his sin. God offers an opportunity before He exposes the sin, and when the opportunity to confess is ignored, God guarantees its exposure (Gal 6:7; Num. 32:23). God provides healing and grace following a biblical confession (Ps. 32; Ps. 51; Rom. 10:9).



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- David's Confession- The power of a two-fold confession: confess to God and confess to man. (Is. 55:6-7)

Biblical Confession (Ps. 51)

- 1) Proclaim your guilt (v. 3)
- 2) Perceive the offense before God (v. 4)
- 3) Plead from your heart (v. 1, 2, 9, 11)
- 4) Pray for restored fellowship with God (v. 12)
- 5) Present to God a broken heart (v. 16-17)

D. How can you grow in a heart of confession? _____

E. Do you have hidden sin that you need to confess before God exposes your sin? If so, who can walk with you and hold you accountable? _____

Sin's Repercussions (v. 14 - 23)

- Sin's true wickedness (v. 9, 10, 14)- David despised the Word, he despised the Lord, and he utterly scorned God.
- Mercy in the reminders- God's chastisements and reminders were a stern mercy.
- Horrible repercussions- David never recovers; he is never the same leader, worshiper, or warrior. Trouble follows him for the rest of his life and his reputation was ruined.

F. How have you experienced the mercy of God through stern reminders?

G. Read v. 10 – 23. What are some of the ramifications David experienced?

God's Restoration (v. 24 - 31)

Grace and restoration are seen in Solomon who was the chosen son to continue the Davidic dynasty. Solomon comes from the word *shalom*, and Jedidiah means "beloved of the Lord." There is also still crown for David. Eternal restoration comes through the person, work, and Word of Jesus Christ.

H. How have you seen God restore you after a biblical confession of sin?

I. Take time to consider God's restoration in your life. What scriptures give you hope in eternal restoration? Take time to meditate and pray on these.