

Davidic Covenant
When Faithfulness Finds Failure

Sunday, June 28th, 2026

2 Samuel 12:1-9 NIV

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. ²The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³but 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.”

⁵David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! ⁶He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.” ⁷Then 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. ⁸I 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. ⁹Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes?’

1. Sin Distorts the Heart.

2. Truth Awakens the Heart.

3. Grace Restores the Heart.

Conclusion: God's faithfulness not only confronts our sin but lovingly leads us back to Himself, because He has always been—and always will be—our true portion.

LIFE GROUP LESSON

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Week of June 28th, 2026- July 4th, 2026

Ice Breaker: When have you seen a fault in someone else that God later revealed in your own heart?

Read 2 Samuel 11-12.

1. Where was David? Where should he have been? (chapter 11)
2. Why wouldn't David go with his army?
3. Who did he see? What did he find out about her?
4. What should David have done? What did he do?
5. Who or what was David focused on? How is this different from his focus back in fields or even as God made His covenant?
6. What happens when we let our focus shift?
7. What was the ripple effect of David's sin? How do we have a ripple effect with our sin?
8. How did God choose to confront David's sin? (12-v.1) Has God done that with you? Sent someone else to speak truth?
9. How did Nathan get David's attention? (vs.2-4)
10. What was David's reaction? (vs.5-6)
11. How was this effective?
12. What did Nathan reveal? (v.7)
13. Have you had moments like this where a message or Scripture reveals a heart condition and God says, “this is you” ?
14. Why do you think God has so many stories recorded of specific people including their journey of rising and falling in faith?
15. Read Jeremiah 17:9, Psalm 36:2. What is revealed?
16. Read James 1:13-15. Where does temptation come from?
17. What did God say to David about his actions? (vs.7-8)
18. What did David despise through his actions? (v.9) How?
19. Read Hebrews 4:12-13. What does God do through His Word? How then should we read it?
20. How did David respond to Nathan? (v.13) Was this method effective? How so?
21. Was there a consequence for David's sin? (v.14) If we repent, why does God still allow consequence for our sin?
22. Psalm 51 was written after his sin was exposed. What do you see in David's heart? What does he most desire?

Point to ponder: Sin always distorts our vision because it convinces us something else is better than God. God's truth exposes us to restore us.