



**Why Some People Don't Start Over
(They Are Going in the Wrong Direction)
New Years Eve Service**

December 31, 2024

2 Samuel 12:26 – 27 (NIV)

- 26 When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. 27 And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

I. Why David Needed to Start Over

1. He had become insensitive, abusive, and unfair (to Basheba's family)
2. He was covering up his sin and abuse
3. He stopped caring about God's opinion

II. How David Started Over

1. He was confronted and embarrassed
2. He was honest and repentant
3. He was genuinely sorry
4. He was willing to make restitution (Psalm 51)

Text: Psalms 51:1-7 (NIV)

- Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. **⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;** so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. ⁵Surely **I was sinful at birth**, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

III. What David did to Start Over

1. He asked for forgiveness (have you?)
2. He asked for his sin to be washed away (have you?)
3. He was emotionally intelligent about his issues (are you?)
 - a. **I know my transgression (v3)**
 - b. **I sinned and done what is evil in your sight (v4)**
4. He was honest about the origin of his issues
5. He was honest about what could change his life (are you willing to change?)

Closing Prayer:

Next Time: New Series – “Embracing a New Start” Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)