



## COMMUNITY OF FAITH

### THE PROBLEM WITH PEOPLE

#### **When I Don't Measure Up**

##### **James 4:1-3**

“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”

##### **2 Samuel 11:1**

In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem.

##### **2 Samuel 11: 11**

“The Ark and the armies of Israel and Judah are living in tents, and Joab and my master’s men are camping in the open fields. How could I go home to wine and dine and sleep with my wife? I swear that I would never do such a thing.”

##### **2 Samuel 11:14-15**

“So the next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and gave it to Uriah to deliver. The letter instructed Joab, “Station Uriah on the front lines where the battle is fiercest. Then pull back so that he will be killed.”

### **THE PROBLEM IS WHEN OUR DESIRES RUN THE SHOW GOD CONFRONTS TO HEAL, NOT TO HUMILIATE**

##### **2 Samuel 12:1-4:**

So the Lord sent Nathan the prophet to tell David this story: “There were two men in a certain town. One was rich, and one was poor. The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children. It ate from the man’s own plate and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man’s lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest.”

**Psalm 51:10–12 says:**

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.”

SHAME HIDES. GRACE HEALS.

**James 5:16 says:**

“Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.”

**GRACE DOESN'T ERASE CONSEQUENCES—BUT IT DOES RESTORE THE PERSON**

- 1) Confess instead of conceal
- 2) Receive grace instead of replaying failure
- 3) Return to God instead of running from Him
- 4) Let community be part of your healing