

The Story: Chapter 11

The Restoration of David

2 Samuel 5:3-5

³ When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a compact with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴ David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. ⁵ In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

The first thing he did as the new King was to conquer Jerusalem.

- He defeated the Jebusites who were very confident that their city could not be taken.

Then we see this...

2 Samuel 5:9-10

⁹ David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the supporting terraces inward. ¹⁰ And he became more and more powerful, because the Lord God Almighty was with him.

The Philistines were ready to attack once they found out David was anointed King. We see the heart of David in

2 Samuel 5:19

¹⁹ so David inquired of the Lord, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?" The Lord answered him, "Go, for I will surely hand the Philistines over to you."

In Chapter 7 God makes some amazing promises to David about his time as King and how God will continue to bless His family even after David is gone.

We see how much David loved God through his prayer in

2 Samuel 7:18-19

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said: "Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this

far? ¹⁹ And as if this were not enough in your sight, O Sovereign Lord, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant. Is this your usual way of dealing with man, O Sovereign Lord?

Chapters 8-10 show us many victories of David.

Chapter 9 also includes a great story of how David honored the house of Saul because of his friendship with Jonathan by taking care of Mephibosheth. **GREAT STORY!**

Then we get to Chapter 11!

2 Samuel 11:1

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:2-5

² One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, ³ and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" ⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (She had purified herself from her uncleanness.) Then she went back home. ⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

David tries to solve his problem by invited Uriah home from battle and allowing him to sleep with his wife.

- That way he will think the baby is his and David will be off the hook.

Problem: Uriah had more integrity than David at this point. So, he refused to go home.

- This forced David to handle it another way.

2 Samuel 11:14-15

¹⁴ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵ In it he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

So, at this point, David is guilty of adultery and murder. He and Bathsheba should both have been put to death just for the adultery.

- And then he adds murder to the situation.

QUESTION: How do you go from the top of the world to adultery and murder?

ANSWER: It's a PROCESS!

- Most people do not go from happily married to an affair in a day.
- People don't rush from being totally clean to a complete addiction to meth in one afternoon.
- We don't wake up one day and decide to give our lives over to porn and watch everything we have go away.

It's a process!

James 1:13-15

¹³ When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

David had already shown us that he loves the ladies by the number of wives he had taken.

- Maybe he had gotten bored and he was beginning to think of adding another wife to the mix.
- Then he ends up in a spot where he should not have been. He should have been at war with his soldiers but instead he was at home.

EX: We don't really know all the details. He may have seen this woman before and thought, "I'm gonna stay home this time and see what can happen."

The PROCESS for us:

- We stop spending quality time with the Father.
- We start to get bored with life as we know it.
- We start to notice ladies other than our wives or men other than our husbands.

- We start having conversations with people at work that seem to listen and care so much more than our spouse.
 - We begin to share more personal stuff with this “co-worker” than we do at home.
 - We find ourselves at a “business dinner” with this other person and we’re enjoying it more than going out with our own spouse.
 - And then, we surprisingly “fall” into a sexual relationship with someone outside of our marriage.
- AND, when we finally admit to it, and it does always come out, we say, **“I have no idea how this happened to me.”**

What we learn about sin: [“Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.” Ravi Zacharias](#)

Here’s what we have go to learn from this:

1. Our sin is almost always a process that we could stop at the point of temptation if we made the right choice.

Look at all the opportunities David had to go back in the house and do the right thing.

EX: My group of guys calls this the “5 second rule”. More like 2 seconds...

When we are not willing to make the right choice upfront our fleshly desires can take us places we never expected to go.

Problem: Every time we say no to sin we’re saying no to something we think we would really enjoy!

Look where it goes next:

2 Samuel 11:26-27

²⁶ [When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him.](#)

²⁷ [After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.](#)

David thinks he's in the clear.

- He got what he wanted.
- No one is going to question what he did.

And then Nathan comes along. This is a very close friend of David's.

- He obviously was a friend that David would listen to.

2 Samuel 12:1-4

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

David was furious. He even said, "Whoever did this should be put to death."

- Side thought: Have you ever noticed that we judge others the most in the areas where we struggle?

Then Nathan says, "You are the man!"

- And not in a good way!!

He points out everything that David has done wrong and what God thinks about it.

Here's the next thing we have to learn:

2. We all need a Nathan in our lives.

This is serious. If you don't have someone in your life that can tell you when you have messed up, or are about to mess up, you are walking on thin ice.

- Pride keeps us from allowing these people into our lives.

Saul when he was about to offer the sacrifices when he refused to wait on Samuel.

- Don't you know he needed a Nathan to say, "You know you're supposed to wait on Samuel. You don't want to do that."

Listen: You must have someone in your life that you trust enough to listen to them when they have to bring the hard stuff to you!

Look at what's next:

God tells David what this sin is going to cost him.

2 Samuel 12:9b-12

You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

¹¹ "This is what the Lord says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. ¹² You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.' "

And then we see David's response:

Listen: In Acts 13, we see Paul refer back to David as "a man after God's own heart".

- We always struggle to see how a guy that committed sin like he did could be considered a man after God's own heart.
- This response is a huge reason for that:

2 Samuel 12:13

¹³ Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

We see his heart in his prayer in Psalm 51:

Psalm 51:1-12

¹ 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. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and

justified when you judge. ⁵Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. ⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

3. Total restoration requires complete brokenness over our sin.

What is the difference between David and Saul at this point?

- David was broken over his sin.
- Saul never reached a point of being broken over what he had done.

Therefore, Saul lost his Kingdom and David's would move on forever.

FOR US: If we want God to restore the joy of His salvation in us after we have sinned, we must be broken over that sin.

And, it shows.

LISTEN: There is not a marriage in the world that God cannot heal if both parties come together broken over their sin with a desire to seek God.

However, if there is no brokenness there will be no healing.

Here's what Nathan tells him: Your sin has been forgiven, but your son will still die. And all that God said about your family is still going to happen.

While God brought total restoration to David's relationship with HIM, he still did not remove all of the consequences of his sin.

4. Sometimes, the consequences of our sin stay around long after forgiveness is given.

For the rest of David's time as King he dealt with people rebelling or trying to take his spot as King.

- But he handled all of that with the understanding that God had restored his relationship to Him.

When we recognize our sin, we must make it our top priority getting back in touch with God.

- And, if we do that He will walk us through any consequence that may come our way.

After all that David goes through he still sang this song in Chapter 22

2 Samuel 22:2-3

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; ³my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior...