

The Elephant In The Family Room

#2- *I Can't Get No Satisfaction*

Kevin Caudle – November 7, 2021

12 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. 2 The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. 3 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. 4 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." 5 David was furious. "As surely as the Lord lives," he vowed, "any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! 6 He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity." 7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are that man! 2 Samuel 12:1-7 NLT

Why was all of David's wives and all of the rich man's sheep not enough?

8 I gave you your master's house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more. 9 Why, then, have you despised the word of the Lord and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife. 2 Samuel 12:8-9 NLT

4 Things that bring dissatisfaction

Money fights and money problems

In Laws

Kids – How many and how to raise them

Faith

Finding Marriage Maturity

Choose Wisely

No Option Thinking

Growing in seasons of dissatisfaction

31 As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." 32 This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. 33 So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Ephesians 5:31-33 NLT

Your marriage/life has to be rooted in Jesus Christ

Life Group Questions

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For the week of November 7, 2021

This guide is designed to help you digest this week's teaching in a deeper way. It is intended to be used alongside the Sunday teaching notes. While the questions are written to be used in Life Groups, you can also use it individually or as a family.

WARMING UP:

1. What are some of the costs and benefits of keeping secret something you've done wrong versus admitting it?

JUMPING IN:

2. Read Psalm 32:3-5. How did David feel when he tried to cover up his sin? What might he have been experiencing given the poetic images he uses to describe what he went through? Have you ever felt like David felt?
3. Read Psalm 51 aloud. Even if you are alone, read it aloud. As you read the Psalm, what verse struck you the most and why?
4. It was after Nathan approached David that David penned Psalm 51. With that in mind, Why is it important that David begins the Psalm of confession with the principles of God's mercy and compassion?

5. How can David claim that he has sinned against God alone? Didn't he sin against Bathsheba, Uriah and the nation of Israel?
6. Why do you think it's so hard for us to admit we're wrong?
7. What benefits of forgiveness is David asking for beyond a cleansing from our sin?
8. According to verses 13-15, what are the benefits of a forgiven life? How does being forgiven affect you, and the way you relate to God and others?
9. Look again at verses 16-17. What characteristics is God looking for in us? Why do you think they are important?

BRINGING IT HOME:

Identify one of more verses from Psalm 51 to memorize and meditate on this week. When you meet next week, share the verse that you memorized with your group.