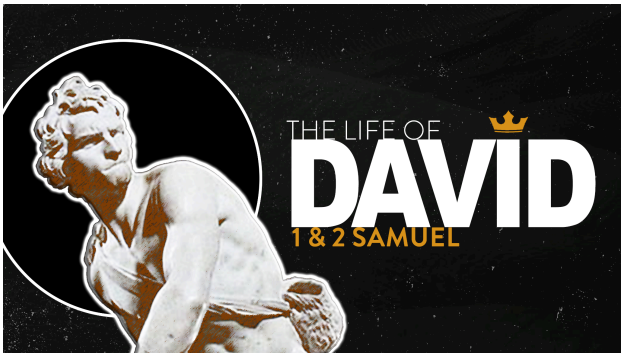
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further reflections



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David and Nathan | 2 Samuel 12; Psalm 51

1. Over the past nine weeks, we've seen many different sides of David: as a humble shepherd, a brave warrior, a faithful friend, a gifted poet, a righteous king, an arrogant sinner, and a repentant sinner. Which side of David do you most resonate with? Why?

2. God sent David a "divine interruption" in the form of Nathan, a trusted prophet and friend. Has God ever sent a "divine interruption" to you? Has God ever sent you *as* a divine interruption to someone else?

3. In 2 Samuel 12:13, David confesses that he has "*sinned against the Lord*." Why is it important that we acknowledge and confess our sin as being *against* God?

4. Read Psalm 51 aloud, slowly. What jumps out at you? What is stirred in you?

5. The symmetry in Psalm 51 between David's confession (*"my transgressions; my iniquity; my sins"*) and profession ("*your great compassion; your unfailing love; your righteousness*") is striking. In your prayer life, do you lean in one direction over the other? What difference does it make to pray with both confession and profession?

6. David prayed out of deep despair for God's forgiveness (*"Have mercy on me; blot out my transgression; wash away my sins; cleanse me with hyssop; create in me a clean heart; restore to me the joy of your salvation"*). Have you ever prayed while at an exceedingly low point in your life? How would you describe your prayer?

7. In Psalm 51:17, David offers an appropriate "sacrifice" to God. Have you ever thought about your brokenness and contrition being a sacrifice - or an offering - to God?

8. In what ways do we see the heart of the Father displayed in the person of the Son?