



Unlikely Mistake

Main Point: Repentance is the gift that gets us back on God's path for our lives.

2 Samuel 12:1-7 (ESV)

And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." ⁷Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.

Part I: Warnings before stepping off the path

- Sin blinds us.
- The consequences of sin are real.

Part II: How do I get back on the path?

2 Samuel 12:13 (ESV)

David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

- We have to believe that God's grace is so much greater than our sin!

2 Samuel 12:20a (ESV)

Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped.

Definition of Confession: Being honest about what is going on inside of you with God and a trusted friend/mentor.

- Repentance is not accepting defeat; it's taking hold of a victory that is ours in Christ!

Romans 3:23-24 (ESV)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

- Repentance is more important than my reputation.
- Quick repentance is ALWAYS better than delayed_repentance.
(Psalm 32:3-5 NIV)

Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.