

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. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.”

Psalm 11-13 (NIV)

B. The Change God Works in You

“(God) is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost (he was the worst of all sinners). But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.”

1 Timothy 1:15-16 (ESV)

Many people struggle with that idea of being forgiven. They don't think that God could ever forgive them of things they've done and they try as hard as they can to do as much as they can, in hopes that God will overlook their sins and love them again. But it doesn't work that way.

You can't be good enough to be good enough, but you can be repentant enough to be forgiven. Remember, if God could forgive David, and God could forgive Paul, He can (and will) forgive you.

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I. The Giant that Took Down David (2 Samuel 11)

A. The Look that Lingered

David wakes from an afternoon nap and takes a stroll outside on his rooftop patio when he sees a very beautiful woman next door, taking a bath. She was the wife of Uriah -- of one of David's most trusted warriors and friends. He sends for her and they get together.

B. The Complication

She gets pregnant.

C. The Plan

David brings Uriah home from the battlefield on furlough in hopes that he will sleep with his wife and think the child is his. After another failed attempt to get Uriah and Bathsheba together, David hatches a plan to have Uriah killed on the battlefield. That plan works and Uriah dies. David thinks that no one knows except he and Bathsheba and General Joab.

D. Someone Else Knows and Is Not Happy

The Lord was angry at what David had done.

2 Samuel 11:27 (CEV)

E. Overwhelming, Crushing Guilt

There was a time when I wouldn't admit what a sinner I was. But my dishonesty made me miserable and filled my days with frustration. All day and all night your hand was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water on a sunny day.

Psalm 32:3-4 (LB)

II. The Moment of Truth Arrives

A. Nathan the Prophet Tells David A Story

“There were two men in a certain city, one very rich, owning many flocks of sheep and herds of goats; and the other very poor, owning nothing but a little lamb he had managed to buy. It was his children’s pet, and he fed it from his own plate and let it drink from his own cup; he cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. Recently a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing a lamb from his own flocks for food for the traveler, he took the poor man’s lamb and roasted it and served it.”

2 Samuel 12:1-4 (LB)

B. David Reacts

David was furious. “I swear by the living God,” he vowed, “any man who would do a thing like that should be put to death; he shall repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity.”

2 Samuel 12:5-6 (LB)

C. Nathan Lowers the Boom

“You are that rich man!”

2 Samuel 12:7a (LB)

D. God is Not Pleased

The Lord God of Israel says, ‘I made you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. I gave you his palace 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. Why, then, have you despised the laws of God and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah and stolen his wife. Therefore murder shall be a constant threat in your family from this time on because you have insulted me by taking Uriah’s wife. I vow that because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you. I will give your wives to another man, and he will go to bed with them in public view. You did it secretly, but I will do this to you openly, in the sight of all Israel.’”

2 Samuel 12:7b-12 (LB)

III. A Man After God’s Own Heart? Really?

A. From the New Testament

God removed Saul and made David their king. God spoke favorably about David. He said, ‘I have found that David, son of Jesse, is a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.’

Acts 13:22 (GW)

B. From the Old Testament

(King Asa) did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father David had done.

1 Kings 15:11 (MEV)

(King Hezekiah) did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father David had done.

2 Kings 18:3 (NIV)

God describes Himself being: *“the Lord, the God of David.”*

2 Chronicles 21:12 (JUB)

IV. From Condemned to Righteous?

A. Something Changed.

David changed.

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me....

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalms 51:1-3, 7-10 (ESV)