

## Heart Issues: Accountability

### 2 Samuel 12

The heart of David was revealed by his experience and refined by his Lord. We want to understand his heart as we seek to align our own hearts with God's. This week, we'll study David's heart of repentance in the face of accountability.

#### Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your loyal love!  
Because of your great compassion, wipe away my rebellious acts!  
Wash away my wrongdoing!  
Cleanse me of my sin!

For I am aware of my rebellious acts; I am forever conscious of my sin.  
Against you, you above all, I have sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight.  
So you are just when you confront me;  
you are right when you condemn me.

Look, I was guilty of sin from birth, a sinner the moment my mother conceived me.  
Look, you desire integrity in the inner man; you want me to possess wisdom.

Sprinkle me with water and I will be pure; wash me and I will be whiter than snow.  
Grant me the ultimate joy of being forgiven!  
May the bones you crushed rejoice!

#### 2 Samuel 12.1

So the Lord sent Nathan to David.

#### 2 Samuel 12.1-7

When he came to David, Nathan said, "There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a great many flocks and herds.  
But the poor man had nothing except for a little lamb he had acquired. He raised it, and it grew up alongside him and his children. It used to eat his food, drink from his cup, and sleep in his arms. It was just like a daughter to him.  
"When a traveler arrived at the rich man's home, he did not want to use one of his own sheep or cattle to feed the traveler who had come to visit him. Instead, he took the poor man's lamb and cooked it for the man who had come to visit him."  
Then David became very angry at this man. He said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this deserves to die! Because he committed this cold-hearted crime, he must pay for the lamb four times over!"  
Nathan said to David, "You are that man!"

#### 2 Samuel 12.9

Why have you shown contempt for the word of the Lord by doing evil in my sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and you have taken his wife as your own! You have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

2 Samuel 12.13

Then David exclaimed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord!"

Nathan replied to David, "Yes, and the Lord has forgiven your sin. You are not going to die.

Grant me the ultimate joy of being forgiven!

May the bones you crushed rejoice!

Hide your face from my sins!

Wipe away all my guilt!

Create for me a pure heart, O God!

Renew a resolute spirit within me!

Psalms 51

Do not reject me! Do not take your Holy Spirit away from me!

Let me again experience the joy of your deliverance!

Sustain me by giving me the desire to obey!

Then I will teach rebels your merciful ways, and sinners will turn to you.