

# David Sinned and Was Forgiven

2 Samuel 11–12

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

God hates sin because it dishonors Him and hurts us and other people. When we sin, God forgives us because Jesus took the punishment for our sins when He died on the cross. Jesus changes our heart so that we no longer want to sin.

## Big Picture Question:

*What is grace? Grace is when God gives us something good even when we do not deserve it.*

## Key Passage:

Ephesians 1:7

## Parent Bible Study

Why is it that we can be so quick to see the sins of others, but have such a hard time seeing our own? In 2 Samuel 12, after David had grievously sinned against Bathsheba, Uriah, and ultimately the Lord, David was confronted by Nathan and forced to see the disgust of his own failure.

Nathan came to David with a word from the Lord intended to help him see the significance of his own sin, but David's response suggests that he wished judgment on another for the very same thing he had done himself.

David's sin snowballed as he tried to cover it up. Ultimately, David's sin escalated to the point of murder. David quickly moved on to the next phase of his cover-up operation and seemed to have satisfactorily dealt with his failure, keeping the circle of those who knew the truth as small as possible. But Nathan was able to confront David in his sin. Nathan helped David see the sickness of his own heart and actions, and he shared with David what he could expect as a consequence of his sin.

David needed what each of us needs as well: someone else to help us walk with the Lord and show us what we are sometimes unwilling to see about ourselves. What Nathan did for David was painful but powerful. Nathan helped David see sin in his life that needed to be dealt with.

Who in your life has the Lord used or could the Lord use to help you see the dark places in you that no one else knows? Who could the Lord use to help bring about true repentance?

Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another." Iron is sharpened by one surface rubbing against another so that the imperfections can be broken away. As we follow Jesus, we need one another to walk in the light and find forgiveness in the Lord.

## TERMS TO KNOW

Repentance: **change of mind; regret or remorse accompanying a realization that wrong has been done; a thorough turning from self to God in which God is recognized as the most important fact of one's existence.**