

# Power From on High

**Series:** Power From On High  
**Title:** When a Good Conscience  
Falls and Rises. Part 5  
**Lesson:** 126

**Text:** 2 Samuel 12:1-14  
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## 1. David's descent into sin - from 2 Samuel 11

The searing of conscience

“But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord.”

## 2. God's confrontation - 2 Samuel 12

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the conscience

2 Samuel 12:1 Then the Lord sent Nathan to David.

**God initiates restoration, by stepping in \_\_\_\_\_  
we are ready to repent.**

Acts 11:18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has **granted** to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.”

Matthew 18:15 “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

And he came to him and said, “There were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 “The rich man had a great many flocks and herds. 3 “But the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb Which he bought and nourished; And it grew up together with him and his children. It would eat of his bread and drink of his cup and lie in his bosom, And was like a daughter to him.

### **What is a parable?**

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### **This parable is a prophetic masterpiece in three ways:**

1. It holds up a moral mirror to David’s sin.
2. It bypasses David’s defenses.
3. It led him to condemn himself without knowing it.

4 “Now a traveler **came to** the rich man, And he was unwilling to take from his own flock or his own herd, To prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him; Rather he took the poor man’s ewe lamb and prepared it for the man who had **come to** him.”

**Godly confrontation seeks to invite \_\_\_\_\_  
before it exposes sin.**

5 Then David's anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, surely the man who has done this deserves to die. 6 "He must make restitution for the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion."

**We can easily spot sin in others, yet we're \_\_\_\_\_  
to the sin in our own lives.**

7 Nathan then said to David, "You are the man!

Thus says the Lord God of Israel 'It is I who anointed you king over Israel and it is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 'I also gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your care, and I gave you the house of Israel and Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added to you many more things like these!

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**At the root of our rebellion is the sin of \_\_\_\_\_.**

Romans 1:21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or ***give thanks***, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Three ways grace blessed David's life:

1. God **chose** David to be king.
2. God **rescued** David from his enemy (Saul).
3. God **exalted** David.

“I gave you your master's house”

“your master's wives into your care”

“the house of Israel / Judah”

“would have added to you many more things like these!”

9 ‘Why have you despised the word of the Lord by doing evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon.

**“despised the word of the Lord”**

10 ‘Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ’

**“sword”**

## **“because you have despised Me”**

John 14:15: If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

11 “Thus says the Lord, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household;

## **“raise up evil”**

I will even take your wives before your eyes and give them to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. 12 ‘Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and under the sun.’ ”

13 Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against **the Lord.**”

And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has taken away your sin; you shall not die.

**Confession of sin brings immediate**

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**“You shall not die”**

**Forgiveness flows from God's \_\_\_\_\_,  
not from a person's worthiness.**

14 “However, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die.”

15 So Nathan went to his house. Then the Lord struck the child that Uriah's widow bore to David, so that he was very sick. 16 David therefore inquired of God for the child; and David fasted and went and lay all night on the ground. 17 The elders of his household stood beside him in order to raise him up from the ground, but he was unwilling and would not eat food with them. 18 Then it happened on the seventh day that the child died. ...

## **Implications**

**1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ is greater than our sin.**

Romans 8:1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**2. Grace is more than the forgiveness of sin, it's also the  
\_\_\_\_\_ that leads to repentance.**

**3. God's forgiveness removes the guilt of sin, but grace may not remove the pain of earthly \_\_\_\_\_.**

**A. They serve as \_\_\_\_\_ of sin's seriousness and grace's mercy.**

**B. They serve as God's loving \_\_\_\_\_ meant to humble, instruct, and produce holiness.**

Hebrews 12:6 For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives.”

Hebrews 12:11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Where have you seen God “send a Nathan” into your life. Someone who God used to awaken your conscience.
2. In what ways does David's story show that confrontation of sin is actually an expression of God's grace rather than His cruelty, and how might that change the way you view hard sermons or loving rebukes?

3. How does remembering God’s past grace help us fight the root sin of ingratitude and resist future temptation?

4. David was fully forgiven, yet he still lived with painful consequences. How have you seen God use consequences in your own life to humble you, deepen dependence, or protect you from repeating sin?



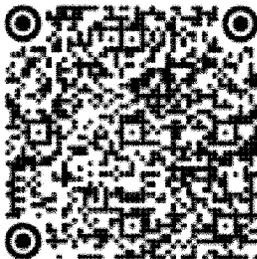
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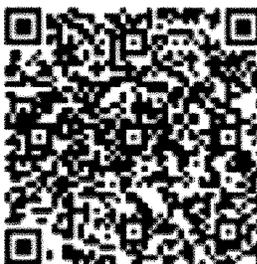
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**ANSWERS:** awakening, before, self-reflection, blind, ingratitude, forgiveness, mercy, grace, confrontation, consequences, reminders, discipline