

## **1 & 2 Samuel (A Man After God's Own Heart)**

*God Pursues David, Part 6*

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Even though David is considered a “a man after God's own heart” the biblical writers did not overlook all his moral failure.

### **2 Samuel 11**

*1 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.*

*2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. 3 And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, “Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?” 4 So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house.*

*5 And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, “I am pregnant.”*

*6 So David sent word to Joab, “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” And Joab sent Uriah to David.*

*15 In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die.”*

*26 When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. 27 And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.*

### **2 Samuel 12**

*1 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. 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds, 3 but 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. 4 Now 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.” 5 Then 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, 6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”*

*7 Nathan 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. 8 And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. 9 Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 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.’ 11 Thus says the Lord, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.’” 13 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. 14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die.” 15 Then Nathan went to his house.*

**Cf. Psalm 51**

**2 Samuel 13** – Amnon (half-brother) rapes Tamar. 2 years later Absalom (Tamar’s full-brother) murders Amnon and flees the country.

**2 Samuel 14** – Joab brings Absalom back, but David refuses to see him.

**2 Samuel 15-19** – Absalom’s conspiracy against David that leads to a battle between David’s forces and Absalom’s. Joab ends up being the one who killed Absalom. Cf.

**Psalm 3, 63**

**2 Samuel 19** – David mourns Absalom.

**2 Samuel 20** – A rebellion arises led by a man named Sheba. Sheba gathers support from the northern tribes, and David confronts the rebellion.

**2 Samuel 21** – David inquires of the Lord about the cause of the famine and learns that it is a consequence of Saul's earlier mistreatment of the Gibeonites. This is his actions to resolve it.

**2 Samuel 22-23** – David’s song of thanksgiving, reflecting on his experiences of deliverance from his enemies, particularly Saul and other adversaries. Cf. **Psalm 18**

**2 Samuel 24** – Because of David’s sins, there is a 3-day pestilence that kills 70,000 Israelites. The chapter concludes with David purchasing the threshing floor from Araunah and building an altar there. This site later becomes the location for the construction of the temple during Solomon's reign. Cf. **1 Chronicles 21**

**David was a man after God’s own heart, but not God.**

**1 Timothy 6:15-16**

*15 which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.*

**This doesn’t excuse sin in leaders.** David will pay earthy consequences.

**Romans 8:1** (NKJV) *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

**Hebrews 12:2, 6-7, 10-11**

*2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

*6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” 7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?*

*10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. 11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*

**God is able to pursue, discipline, forgive, and restore.**

### **Discipleship Homework:**

Our theme references David being a “man after his [God’s] own heart.” Throughout 1 and 2 Samuel God pursues this newly anointed king to lead His people.

- Meditate on Psalm 51.
- Journal this week how have you experienced God's grace and restoration in your own life?
- Read Romans 8:1-11. How do we balance the concept of God's grace with the responsibility to live a righteous life? Each morning when you wake up invite the Holy Spirit to guide you in the truth of Jesus Christ.
- Have questions about the message or need help with the homework? Please email Pastor Jarrod at [jarrod@1116.church](mailto:jarrod@1116.church).