

David's Sin & Absalom

David admits his sin



David admits his sin after Nathan speaks to him.

2 Samuel 12:7, 13

THINK ABOUT THE STORY

For younger readers: What did David say after Nathan identified him as the man in the parable?

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2 Samuel 11-24

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Read & think

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| 1. 2 Samuel 11-12 | 2. 2 Samuel 13-14 |
| 3. 2 Samuel 15-17 | 4. 2 Samuel 18-19 |
| 5. 2 Samuel 20-21 | 6. 2 Samuel 22-24 |

MAIN POINTS

- David told the truth when Nathan showed him his sin (2 Samuel 12:13).
- David cried when Absalom died (2 Samuel 18:33).
- The LORD was David's rock and deliverer (2 Samuel 22:2).
- David confessed after the census and built an altar (2 Samuel 24:10, 25).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Checkpoint: What did David say after Nathan identified him as the man in the parable?

2 Samuel 12:7

2. Checkpoint: Why did Absalom choose Hushai's counsel over Ahithophel's?

2 Samuel 17:14

3. David said, "I have sinned" (2 Samuel 12:13). Who is a safe person you can tell the truth to when you do wrong?

2 Samuel 12:13

MEMORY VERSE / Psalm 51:10

Psalm 51 is presented as a prayer connected with Nathan coming to David after his sin with Bath-sheba; this verse asks God for inward renewal.

WEB

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me.

KJV

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

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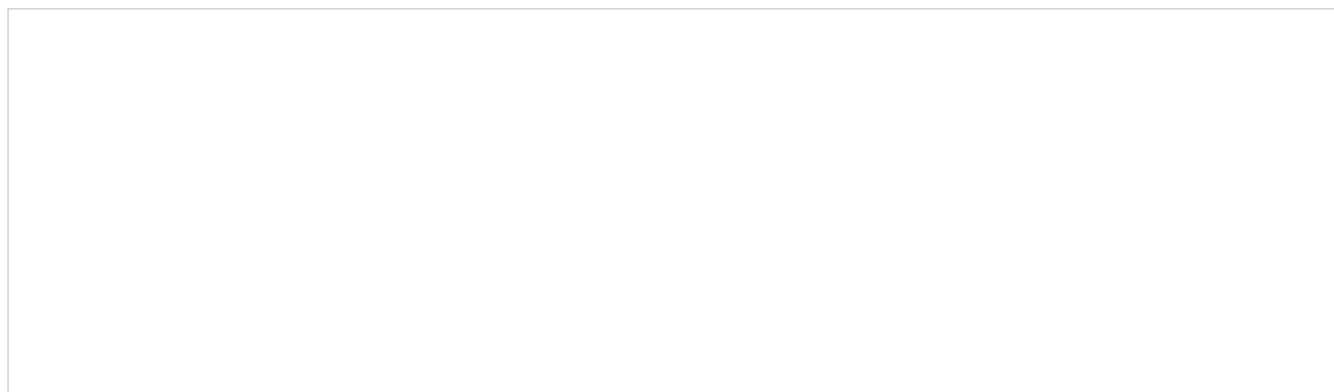
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WHAT I NOTICED

DRAW SOMETHING YOU WANT TO REMEMBER



ONE THING I WANT TO TRY

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MAIN POINTS

- Nathan's confrontation brought David to a direct confession (2 Samuel 12:7-13).
- Absalom's rebellion forced David from Jerusalem, and his death brought David grief (2 Samuel 15:13-14; 18:33).
- Chapters 19-21 show that David's return did not erase division, violence, or earlier obligations.
- David's song, last words, mighty men, and census close the book with deliverance, covenant, sin, and mercy (2 Samuel 22-24).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What did David say after Nathan identified him as the man in the parable?

2 Samuel 12:7

2. Why did Absalom choose Hushai's counsel over Ahithophel's?

2 Samuel 17:14

3. David confessed when Nathan confronted him and when his heart smote him after the census (2 Samuel 12:13; 24:10). What helps you receive correction honestly?

2 Samuel 12:13

MEMORY VERSE / 2 Samuel 12:13

David confessed to Nathan, and Nathan declared that the LORD had put away his sin while also announcing consequences (2 Samuel 12:10-14).

WEB

David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against Yahweh." Nathan said to David, "Yahweh also has put away your sin. You will not die.

KJV

And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

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MAIN POINTS

- Nathan declared both pardon and consequences after David confessed (2 Samuel 12:7-14).
- The rebellion records loyalty, counsel, conflict, and grief without hiding their complexity (2 Samuel 15-19).
- David's return is followed by tribal conflict and Sheba's rebellion (2 Samuel 19:40-20:22).
- The closing chapters place praise and covenant beside census, confession, altar, and mercy (2 Samuel 22-24).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What precedes each of David's direct confessions in this reading?

2 Samuel 12:7

2. How do different people show loyalty or disloyalty during Absalom's rebellion?

2 Samuel 11-24

3. David confessed when Nathan confronted him and again after the census (2 Samuel 12:13; 24:10). How can you practice truthful confession without excuse or concealment?

2 Samuel 12:13

MEMORY VERSE / Psalm 51:16-17

Psalm 51 is presented as a prayer connected with Nathan coming to David after his sin with Bath-sheba; this verse asks God for inward renewal.

WEB

For you don't delight in sacrifice, or else I would give it. You have no pleasure in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. O God, you will not despise a broken and contrite heart.

KJV

For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

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MAIN POINTS

- Nathan's oracle explicitly joins pardon to consequences after David's confession (2 Samuel 12:7-14).
- Absalom's rebellion brings turmoil from David's own house and forces David into exile (2 Samuel 12:10-12; 15:13-30).
- The return preserves unresolved testimony, tribal rivalry, and another revolt (2 Samuel 19:16-20:22).
- The epilogue sets deliverance, covenant, mighty servants, culpability, sacrifice, and mercy beside one another (2 Samuel 21-24).

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2 Samuel 12:13

MEMORY VERSE / 2 Samuel 12:7

Nathan used a parable before directly identifying David as the man whose wrongdoing the LORD exposed (2 Samuel 12:1-9).

WEB

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what Yahweh, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.

KJV

And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

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