

WEEK 6 | THIS MESSAGE IS FOR YOU

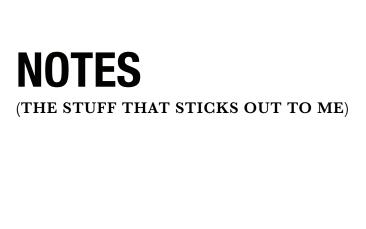
JEREMY BELL, TEACHING PASTOR

2 SAMUEL 11:1-5 (NIV)

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. 2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, 3 and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." 4 Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. 5 The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

2 SAMUEL 12:1-7a (NIV)

The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, 3 but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. 4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him." 5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! 6 He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." 7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"



GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Think of one time when you got "caught" - could be recent or childhood. What did you do? Who confronted you? What was the result?

Read 2 Samuel 11 (especially the first 5 verses) and 2 Samuel 12:1-7. What words or ideas stick out to you?

Look at the beginning of Samuel 11 again. Where are some key places that David goes wrong? What does this story teach us about power and how we us it? About lust? About laziness? How is complacency dangerous?

David is very angry when Nathan tells him the story about the man and his little lamb, but completely misses that he is the one who is guilty. Why do you think Nathan used the story?

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

Psalm 51:17 (NLT) - The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

TAKE A STEP:

What lusts have you been entertaining in your heart lately? Where is God calling you to repentance? Is there anything that God is revealing to you now to which you need to respond?

ALL IN, TOGETHER

GENERAL OFFERING

2023 Weekly Budget: \$10,187 Given October 8th: \$7,862 Difference: (\$2,325)

2023 Annual Budget: \$529,724 2023 Budget YTD: \$407,480 2023 Given YTD: \$357,260 Difference: (\$50,220)

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BYC October 8th: \$3,616 BYC YTD: \$158,835 BYC Total Given: \$481,326

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