

RESTORING THE MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART!

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2nd Samuel 12:9-13

SUMMARY:

David's sin was not simply one act of adultery. It led to many horrible acts of rebellion against God in his own life and it affected his family in a horrible way. The destructive effects were so great they would appear to be beyond hope and restoration.

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NOTES:

1. HOW DO YOU RESTORE SOMEONE THAT HAS COMMITTED SUCH TERRIBLE SIN?

- A. FEARLESS BRUTAL H_____!
- B. ACCEPT AND AFFIRM TRUE R_____

2. HOW CAN YOU BE RESTORED?

- A. FEARLESS H_____
- B. TRUE R_____

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- What is your first reaction when you hear of a professing believer caught in a horrible sin?
- What has been your reaction when you have been "found out" to have committed a sin you thought was hidden?
- In your personal experience, have you confessed your sins, to God and to others, before or after being "found out"? Do you believe there is a difference?
- Is there someone in your life now that you are working to restore? Or, is there someone that you need to confront in love?
- Are you in a process now of receiving restoration and submitting to accountability – and how is that going?

APPLICATION:

We don't all "have to" fall into sin. Too often, we look, then we leap right into it! If it is impossible to live above sin, then the power of the Holy Spirit is meaningless. However, when we do sin, we have an "advocate" who stands with us before God, our Judge.

Read 1st John 1:5-2:2

Establish a relationship with a friend and prayer partner to keep you accountable to your commitment to Christ!

ON YOUR OWN...

Carefully read again the story of David from 2nd Samuel chapters 11, 12 & 13. Replace David's name with your name. Replace his children's names with the names of your children. Replace Nathan's name with the name of a spiritual leader in your life.

Pray and ask God for the power of the Holy Spirit that is promised to us to keep us pure!