

# Restored by God's grace



## 2 Samuel 12



Bible Study 2018

### The story so far...

God anointed David as the king over Israel. He promised David to establish his kingdom forever. But David committed adultery with Bathsheba and murder her husband. What David did displeased God. How would God deal with David?

### Ice Breaker...

How do you feel after you realize that you have sinned? How does that affect your relationship with God? What do you think you can do now?

### Read 2 Samuel 12:1-14

How did Nathan, a messenger of God, approach David? (V1-4) How did David initially respond to the story? (V5-6)

Nathan pointed out to David “You are the man!” (V7). Whom did David actually sin against? Why? (V9a; 10a)

How did David respond to God’s judgement through Nathan? (V13)

David’s sin deserves the death penalty. How can you see God’s justice and mercy in his response to David’s sin (V11-14)?

God’s justice	God’s mercy

### Read 2 Samuel 12:15-31

Why did David stop fasting after he knew that his child was dead? (V22-23) How does this show David’s response toward God’s action?

How does the name Jedidiah show God’s heart to David? (V24-25) How does this make you feel about your relationship with God after you repent of sin against God?

At the end of the story (V26-31), what is the change of David compared to the beginning of chapter 11?

Do you have anyone like Nathan to challenge you and keep you accountable for your life and actions?

What can you learn from this story that how God deal with sin? (Read Numbers 14:18)

When we do something wrong toward someone, especially when the price is too high to pay, we may be afraid of seeing that person. We may feel the same way toward God when we have sinned. But what Jesus has done changed the way we approach God. Read 1John 1:8-2:2. From today’s Bible study, what you have learnt about how to respond when you sin?

Read Psalm 51. David wrote this Psalm as a prayer of repentance to God for his sin with Bathsheba. How does David’s example help you in your own prayer of repentance? Spend some time in prayer.

**ewe:** a female sheep  
**calamity:** a disaster or distress  
**sin, transgression, iniquity:** rebellion or disobedience against God  
**citadel:** a strong fortress  
**plunder:** things that have been stolen, especially during a war  
**consign:** to put someone in an unpleasant situation  
**repent:** feel sorry and turn away from sin  
**hyssop:** a small plant with spiky leaves  
**contrite:** humble and sorrowful for doing wrong