

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 his husband. What David did displeased God. How would God deal with David?

Ice Breaker...

How do you feel after you realize that you severely hurt and upset someone who is very significant to you? How do you expect that person will treat you?

Read 2 Samuel 12:1-14

How did Nathan, a speaker 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 decision to David's sin(V11-14)?

God's justice	God's mercy

Read 2 Samuel 12:15-25

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

How did God show David his grace after the death of his first child from Bathsheba? (V24-25)

What can you learn from this story that how God deal with sin? (Also read Numbers 14:18) What does this make you feel about God and yourself?

All of us have sinned. God himself has paid a big price to pay for our sins. He sent Jesus, his own Son, to death to take our punishment. Because of this our sins may be forgiven – but only if we repent to God like David. Do you think it is God's responsibility or his duty to pay such a big price to save us from punishment? How will you respond to Jesus? (Read John 3:16; 36)

ewe: a female sheep
calamity: a disaster or distress
sin: an action that is against the divine law and is considered to be an offence against God
citadel: a strong fortress built in the past as a place where people could go for safety when their city was attacked
plunder: things that have been stolen, especially during a war
consign: to put someone in an unpleasant situation
repent: feel sorry and turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life
grace: the free gift for someone who does not deserve it

'The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.'
 (Numbers 14:18)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life...Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.
 (John 3:16; 36)