

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: February 15, 2023
2 Samuel 12:1-14

1. What happened in our last Bible Study in 2 Samuel 11?
 - a. It was spring, when kings go off to war.
 - b. David was home in bed.
 - c. David took a walk and saw a beautiful woman bathing.
 - d. David asked about her and found out she was the wife of Uriah the Hittite.
 - e. David sent for her and slept with her and she became pregnant.
 - f. David sent for Uriah to create an excuse for him to go home so that maybe he wouldn't get caught when the wife of a soldier who had been away turns up pregnant.
 - g. Uriah didn't go home, but slept on his mat at the gate and David tried to get him drunk so that hopefully he would go home.
 - h. Finally, David sent word to Joab to put Uriah on the front line where he might easily be killed and then withdraw from him to make sure he is killed.

2. What happens in 12:1-4?
 - a. The Lord sent Nathan to David.
 - b. Nathan told David a story.
 - c. In Nathan's story. There were two men (one rich and the other poor) and the rich man with many cattle. The poor man had nothing except one ewe lamb that was like part of the family. A traveler came to the rich man but, rather than taking one of his many sheep or cattle, he took the ewe lamb from the poor man to prepare a meal.

3. How did David respond to this story, according to 12:5-6?
 - a. He thought it was fine. Everybody acts like this.
 - b. He burned with anger.
 - c. He declared judgment on the man.
 - d. He said that the man must pay for that lamb four times over..."

4. What did Nathan tell David in 12:7-10?
 - a. You are that man.
 - b. He gave David a message from the Lord.
 - c. The Lord gave him all he needed...and if that had been too little, He would have given him even more.
 - d. Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes?
 - e. Now the sword will never depart from your house...

5. Why did David see the evil (right and wrong) in the story that Nathan told him and burn with anger and seem ok with what he did? _____
Is it possible that you need people in your life to speak truth into your life and help you recognize right from wrong when you have blind spots caused by selfish motives? _____

6. What, according to 12:11-12, was part of the consequences of David's actions? _____
How did David respond in 12:13a? _____

7. What did Nathan say in 12:13b-14?
 - a. The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.
 - b. But there are still consequences to your sin and they haven't all been taken away. The son born to you will die.Does God's forgiveness always take away all of the consequences of our sins? _____