

Difficult Decisions: When People Have Sinned

2 Samuel 12:1-15

Introduction:

- A. There are probably very few of us who like confrontation or correction. However, sometimes confrontation and correction is needed (ex: a parent correcting a child for something harmful).
- B. If our immorality is not corrected we run the risk of hurting people, including ourselves.

The Sin of David (2 Sam. 11:26-27)

- A. David actually broke at least 3 of God's Ten Commandments: covetousness (Exo. 20:17), adultery (Exo. 20:14), murder (Exo. 20:13).
- B. David should have been stoned to death for both, adultery and murder (Deut. 22:22; Gen. 9:6).

The Commission of Nathan (2 Sam. 12:1-15)

- A. Nathan was a prophet who had several encounters with David (2 Sam. 7:1-2, I Kings 1).
- B. Nathan was sent by God to speak with David about his sins (2 Sam. 12:1).
- C. Nathan rose to the challenge and helped turn his friend back to God (2 Sam. 12:7, 13).

How Do We Respond When People Have Sinned (Gal. 6:1-2; James 5:19-20)

- A. When others have sinned: Go and speak to them one on one (Matt. 18:15).
- B. When others have sinned: Choose your words carefully (Prov. 18:21; 12:18).
- C. When you have sinned: Remind them there is hope (I Sam. 12:13; Psa. 32:1-5; Psa. 130:1-4).

Conclusion:

- A. We may not like confrontation but there are times when we need it!
- B. Maybe this morning you need confess your sins and turn your life back over to God.