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### Last Week: David's Sin Spiral

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# The Confrontation David Needed



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Verse 1 points us to God's timing.

### 2 Samuel 11:27

<sup>27</sup> When the *time of* mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house and she became his wife; then she bore him a son. But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the LORD.

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A passage about how David has been feeling:

### Psalm 32:3-4

<sup>3</sup> When I kept silent *about my* sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away *as* with the fever heat of summer.

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<sup>5</sup> Then David's anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, surely the man who has done this deserves to die.

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<sup>7</sup> Nathan then said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'It is I who anointed you king over Israel and it is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul.

<sup>8</sup> I also gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your care, and I gave you the house of Israel and Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added to you many more things like these!

<sup>9</sup> Why have you despised the word of the LORD by doing evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon.

<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

<sup>11</sup> Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; I will even take your wives before your eyes and give them to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight.

<sup>12</sup> Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and under the sun.'"

### David's Humble Response

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<sup>13</sup> Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has taken away your sin; you shall not die.

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Then the LORD struck the child that Uriah's widow bore to David, so that he was *very* sick.

<sup>16</sup> David therefore inquired of God for the child; and David fasted and went and lay all night on the ground.

<sup>17</sup> The elders of his household stood beside him in order to raise him up from the ground, but he was unwilling and would not eat food with them.

<sup>20</sup> So David arose from the ground, washed, anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he came into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he came to his own house, and when he requested, they set food before him and he ate.

<sup>21</sup> Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept; but when the child died, you arose and ate food."

- He said, "While the child was *still* alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who knows, the LORD may be gracious to me, that the child may live.'
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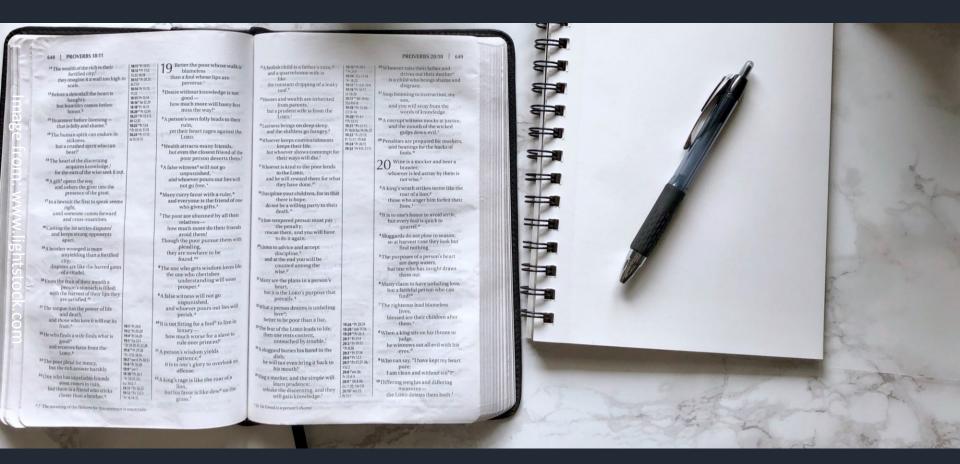
- <sup>24</sup> Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her; and she gave birth to a son, and he named him Solomon. Now the LORD loved him
- <sup>25</sup> and sent *word* through Nathan the prophet, and he named him Jedidiah for the LORD's sake.

### Matthew 1:6

<sup>6</sup> Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah.

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### Some Things We Learn



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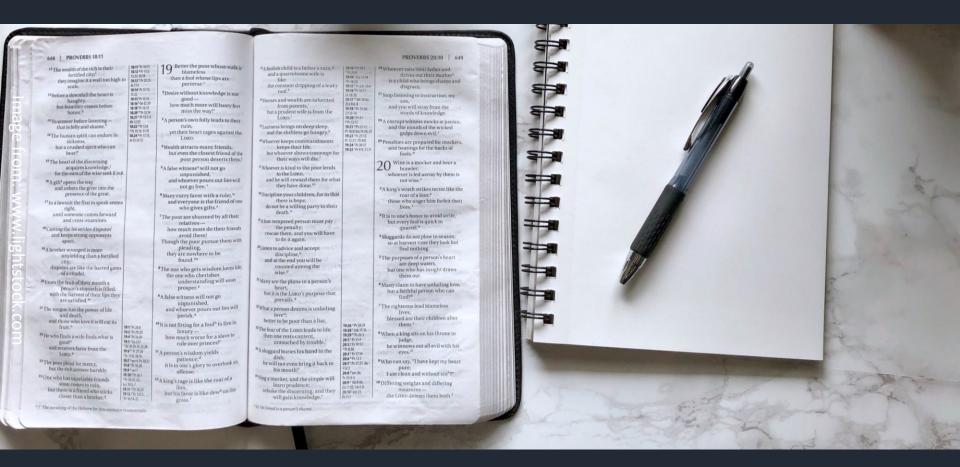
### Galatians 6:1

<sup>1</sup> Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

### James 5:19-20

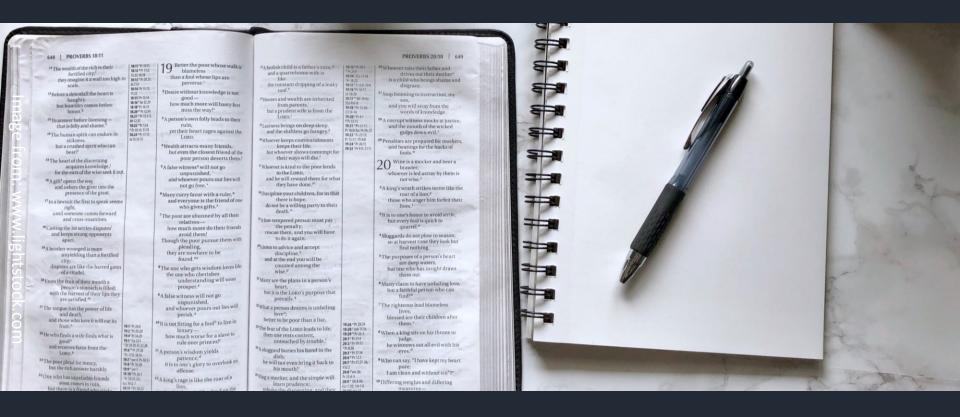
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2) We need more David's.

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Psalm 51 is a great example of confessing sin.

### 1 John 1:9

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



### Sin is too serious to ignore!