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2 Samuel 12:10-25

Introduction:

Believe it or not, some people have accused me of being oblivious in the past! If that is hard for you to imagine, then I am all the more grateful that you didn't know me 10 or 15 years ago! Just to give one example to those of you who are musical, when I joined band in 8th or 9th grade, we stopped at one time...who is playing a sharp?? Diff between F and F#...

Back around my high school or college days, I remember my pastor preaching on 2 Samuel 12 multiple times. In fact, he preached on it so often that even I, someone who doesn't always put together the connections, noticed it. And, I began wondering if he was actually preaching at someone!

2 Samuel 12 is a well-known OT chapter. The connection that brings me here tonight though is what happens after the prophet Nathan confronts David. David, a desperate father, now is in the horrible position of having a child who is dying because of him. The situation has some details that are very similar to what we saw in Mark 5 this morning. A father is desperate to see a sick child made well, the father pleads with Christ or God for healing, and he does so in a worshipful way.

The differences in the stories are helpful, though. So, in light of the challenge this morning to, as desperate souls, place our faith in Jesus, let's consider 2 Samuel 12:10-25.

Theme: Sin's consequences should drive us to our loving God.

Outline:

1. David's Confession - v. 10-15
2. David's Pleading - v. 15 - 17
3. David's Worship - v. 18 - 23
4. God's Unmerited Love - v. 24 - 25

Some General Principles:

1. People near you will not always share your burden to the extent that you bear it - v. 17
2. God is a forgiving God (14, 24; Bathsheba's titles) who sometimes forgives in spectacular ways! - v. 24-25 Solomon
note: David still bore consequences for his sin
3. Sin can bring terrible consequences in this life - v. 14
4. People near you will not always understand your faith - v. 17-18
 - a. David has been physically suffering because of his sin (see Psalm 38)
 - b. God's prophet has now confronted David and pronounced severe consequences for David's actions - v. 10 - 14
 - c. Now, David will not eat or be comforted
note: "desperation" turned David to fast & pray, then publicly worship God

5. Faith brings a stability in life that might easily confuse others - v. 21-22

- a. To echo Pastor Matt though, faith is still reasoned, and David was able to explain!
- b. Note that while David stopped grieving, Bathsheba was still mourning