# Third Street Church

# Conference Call-Midweek Prayer and Bible Study

# Wednesday, August 19, 2020 - 6pm

**Introductions/ Welcome/ Prayer - Pastor Reid**

**Opening Song:*****Grateful*** *–* sung by Hezekiah Walker (youtube.com)

*I am Grateful for the things that you have done. Yes, I'm grateful for the victories we've won. Flowing from my heart, are the issues of my heart. It's gratefulness!*

### The Word: 2 Samuel 12:1-19 - Easy to Read Version- (ERV)

### Nathan Speaks to David

**12**The Lord sent Nathan to David. Nathan went to him and said, “There were two men in a city. One man was rich, but the other man was poor. **2**The rich man had lots of sheep and cattle. **3**But the poor man had nothing except one little female lamb that he bought. The poor man fed the lamb, and the lamb grew up with this poor man and his children. She ate from the poor man’s food and drank from his cup. The lamb slept on the poor man’s chest. The lamb was like a daughter to the poor man.

**4**“Then a traveler stopped to visit the rich man. The rich man wanted to give food to the traveler, but he did not want to take any of his own sheep or cattle to feed the traveler. No, the rich man took the lamb from the poor man and cooked it for his visitor.”

**5**David became very angry with the rich man. He said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who did this should die! **6**He must pay four times the price of the lamb because he did this terrible thing and because he had no mercy.”

### Nathan Tells David About His Sin

**7**Then Nathan said to David, “You are that rich man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I chose[a] you to be the king of Israel. I saved you from Saul. **8**I let you take his family and his wives, and I made you king of Israel and Judah. As if that had not been enough, I would have given you more and more. **9**So why did you ignore my command? Why did you do what I say is wrong? You let the Ammonites kill Uriah the Hittite, and you took his wife. It is as if you yourself killed Uriah in war. **10**So your family will never have peace! When you took Uriah’s wife, you showed that you did not respect me.’

**11**“This is what the Lord says: ‘I am bringing trouble against you. This trouble will come from your own family. I will take your wives from you and give them to someone who is very close to you. He will have sexual relations with your wives, and everyone will know it![b] **12**You had sexual relations with Bathsheba in secret, but I will punish you so that all the people of Israel can see it.’”[c]

**13**Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

Nathan said to David, “The Lord will forgive you, even for this sin. You will not die. **14**But you did things that made the Lord’s enemies lose their respect for him, so your new baby son will die.”

### David and Bathsheba’s Baby Dies

**15**Then Nathan went home. And the Lord caused the baby boy who was born to David and Uriah’s wife to become very sick. **16**David prayed to God for the baby. David refused to eat or drink. He went into his house and stayed there and lay on the ground all night.

**17**The leaders of David’s family came and tried to pull David up from the ground, but he refused to get up. He refused to eat with these leaders. **18**On the seventh day the baby died. David’s servants were afraid to tell him that the baby was dead. They said, “Look, we tried to talk to David while the baby was alive, but he refused to listen to us. If we tell David that the baby is dead, he might do something bad to himself.”

**19**David saw his servants whispering and understood that the baby was dead. So David asked his servants, “Is the baby dead?”

The servants answered, “Yes, he is dead.”

**Key Verse: *2 Samuel: 12:13 Then David confessed to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”***

**Key term: ewe lamb- small female lamb (***bible versions using this word may vary***)**

***Reflection:***

David was the greatest king in ancient Israel, a leader who presided over a golden age for the people of God. He was poet, musician, and warrior. He was also a man after God’s own heart. 1 Sam. 13:14.

In 2 Samuel 11, David has chosen not to camp with his soldiers in the open field, outside the city. He has chosen to remain in Jerusalem. He slept late in the day. He rises from his bed as others were preparing to go to bed. David strolls about the rooftop of his palace and happens to see a beautiful young woman bathing herself.

Perhaps It was not Bathsheba’s intention to seduce David. She is bathing herself as night falls and being poor (12:1-4).she does not have the privilege of complete privacy, especially when King David can look down from the lofty rooftop of his palace.

David is struck by her and sends messengers to inquire about her identity.

They inform David of that she is married to Uriah, the Hittite. David sends for her and she is brought back to his palace and there he sleeps with her.

David sends Uriah back to Joab with written orders to put Uriah to death in a way that makes it seem like he was a casualty of war. (2 Sam11:14)

Nathan prophetic response to the Sin of David in our study for tonight. His response is in the form of a parable which is taken up in the opening verses 2 Samuel 12.

There are several important points to note about this meeting between Nathan and David:. David has kingly riches (12:7-8). Uriah is a poor man.

David plots to kill Uriah (1:14-27).Uriah has a pet ewe lamb who he is really attached to presumably this is his wife Bathsheba.

Ruthlessly, the rich man steals the poor man’s ewe lamb and slaughters it. This is a reference to David’s act with Bathsheba when the guards brought her to him. David knew that Bathsheba was Uriah’s wife (11:3-4).

David acknowledges his guilt in this parable and receives God’s verdict upon him*.*

Following the parable, Nathan confronts David about his sin. (12:9-11). Nathan perhaps seeks to bring David to repentance. Does David repent of sin? Do we today repent of our sin? God sees our sin even when others do not. God does not stop us from sin but gives us warnings as to how capable we all are of sin. Yes, we are all capable of sin. Sin is never worth the price. When the ewe lamb was slaughtered, David’s sin was exposed. It is the slaughter of the Lamb of God which exposes our sin.

***Guiding Questions for Bible Study Discussion***

# This is bible “study”. Please feel free to join in during the study we all learn and are studying God’s inspired Word together. Read *2 Timothy 3:16-17* . This conference call study is not to judge but to support and fellowship as people of faith. We are all leaning, including the leader. Ask questions; share your comments as you feel led to do so. Please forgive all typos. Keep in mind that some versions of the bible may read differently. Praise God for our time together tonight!

1. Nathan was sent to David according to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s guidance.
2. In the parable who do you think the rich man represents? \_\_\_\_\_\_ The poor man?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. David is a shepherd. Nathan’s parable is based on a story about what animal?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. What words in 12:11 confirm Nathan as prophet? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. What one verse in 2 Samuel 12:1-15 confirms that David sinned against the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. David does not die but is told that someone must die. Who has to die? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. How does Psalm 32:3-4 relate to 2 Sam.12:13. Does it have to do with repentance?
8. What is God’s message to you in these passages from 2 Samuel 12:1-19?

**Apply God’s Word to your Life:**

David was a man after God’s own heart, yet he sinned. We sin. David repented of sin. We must repent of our sins.. Think and pray about what today’s bible study says to you and your relationship with God. With all that is taking place in the world we must not disconnect from study and living out God’s word as Christians. We are in the world, not of the world.

**What Inspires you these days?**

It may seem like there is little today to inspire us. Hold on to inspiration find hope in the midst of troubling times. What inspires you? a song, hymn, scripture or special reading?

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**Faith in Action:**. The physical church doors are closed but we are the distance church wherever we are. Give, share, pray, reach out ***We are the Church.*** Reaching out , text, call, email, US mail or virtual, that is our mission as the Body of Christ. Our denomination has two Upcoming Presbyterian Church Wide offerings; *Peace and Global Witness* Sept. 6-Oct. 4, 2020 and *Christmas Joy* Offering Nov. 29-Dec. 20. 2020. More information: Here is the link and click on offerings: https://specialofferings.pcusa.org

 **Evening Prayer- Pastor Reid. Let us lift up people/situations in God’s world for prayer *we must know and believe in the power of PRAYER!!***

**Closing Song*: Break Every Chain –*sung by Tasha Cobbs (youtube.com)**

*There is power in the name of Jesus, to break every chain! There’s a army rising up, to break every chain, to break every chain. I hear the chains falling!*

**Words of Sending:**
L: My Brothers and Sisters in Christ as we leave each other and evening comes let us go in peace as love and serve the Lord,
**ALL: We go with the LOVE of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Thank you for joining our Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer this week!

With the Love of Christ,

Pastor Reid