



PART 2: KINGS GONE WILD

INTRODUCTION – FROM GLANCE TO GAZE

Thought → Moment Of Self-Awareness → Moment Of Choice...

DINE IN – HOW GOOD PEOPLE DO BAD THINGS

1 Samuel 13:14 – “A man after God’s own heart”

2 Samuel 11 & 12

Fighting David’s sense of superiority/entitlement...

Mark 10:35-45; Philippians 2:5-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

TAKE OUTS – I’LL HAVE THAT TO GO PLEASE

Take Out #1 – Flawed Super Heroes

God’s heroes of faith have responsive hearts, but rarely flawless lives. In fact, God seems to prefer to partner with leaders who are weak in some capacity whether morally, emotionally, or mentally. If you are feeling a sense of your own weakness, then maybe you are ready to do great things for God, with God.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Take Out #2 – Repentance is the Key

A repentant heart, rather than a sinless heart, is the mark of a lover of God. When you become self-aware, when you wake-up, that is the moment when you can choose the way of love or the way of self. Are you ready to repent?

Psalm 32 & 51; Matthew 1:6; 1 John 1:8-9

Take Out #3 – We Need Our Nathans

Sometimes we sin like we’re in a dream, where consequences are meaningless and we can experiment with who we want to be. When that happens, sometimes God will send us someone to help us “wake up”. David *knew* his sin but he couldn’t see it without help. He needed someone to help him wake up. When God gives you a Nathan, make the most of the moment and repent. Open your eyes. When God calls you to be a Nathan for someone else, don’t resist. First take the plank out of your own eye, and then help your brother and sister with their splinter.

James 5:16

CONCLUSION – WHEN A SONG SAYS IT BEST...

Psalm 32 and 51

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HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Warming Up...

1. Review 2 Samuel 11-12 by taking a couple minutes to see how much of the story of David and Bathsheba you recall from memory. Work together as a group to get the details right and in order. What aspect of the story stood out to you? Why?
2. Have you ever had a “Nathan” help you in your life? Have you ever played the role of “Nathan” in someone else’s life?

Look to the Book...

3. Read Psalm 32. A) What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Why? B) Have you ever experienced the sick feeling of unconfessed sin that David talks about here? C) How does James 5:16 relate to this passage? D) In the margin of my Bible for verses 8-9 I have written: “Any animal can be trained to follow rules. God desires thoughtful relationship with us, not mindless, legalistic obedience. He wants us to be his people, not his pets.” Talk about that in relation to how we should use our Bibles.
4. Recall 2 Samuel 12:13. God forgave/erased/removed David’s sin (but not all of the consequences) without the need for a sacrifice. So, does forgiveness for sin necessitate a sacrifice or not? If so, how did/does God forgive people like David apart from Christ? If not, why did Christ have to die? (Incorporate Romans 3:21-26 into your discussion.)

So What?...

5. Review Take Out #2. Now set aside 10 or more minutes for private prayer and meditation. Pray through Psalm 51. Read a verse and then pray about what God brings to mind concerning your relationship with him. Then move on to the next verse. When you gather back together, talk about what God is teaching you.

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