



Message Notes



Online Giving



Saying Yes to God

~Things That Hold Us Back~

3. Sin / Desire to Sin

2 Samuel 11:1

It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

Luke 8:17

For there is nothing
hidden that will not be
disclosed, and nothing
secret that will not be
known and come out
into the open.

2 Samuel 12:1-14

The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.”

“Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

David burned with anger against the rich man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

Then Nathan said to David,
“You are the man! This is what
the Lord, the God of Israel,
says: ‘I anointed you king over
Israel, and I delivered you from
the hand of Saul. I gave your
master’s house to you, and
your master’s wives into your
arms. I gave you all Israel and
Judah.’

“And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.”

This is what the Lord says: “Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.”

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

Matthew 7:3-5

“Why do you look at
the speck of sawdust
in your brother’s eye
and pay no attention
to the plank in your
own eye?”

1. Our choices are
what lead us towards
sin.

James 1:14-15

But each one is tempted
when he is drawn away by
his own desires and enticed.

Then, when desire has
conceived, it gives birth to
sin; and sin, when it is full
grown, brings forth death.

David's Choices

1. Chose not to go to battle.
2. Chose to stay and watch
Bathsheba.
3. Chose to enquire about her.
4. Chose to send for her and
sleep with her.
5. Chose to kill Uriah to cover
up his sin.

**2. Surrendering our
sin and desire for sin
isn't always easy.**

Job 11:13-14

Surrender your heart
to God, turn to Him in
prayer and give up
your sins - even those
you do in secret.

Romans 6:12

Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give into sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead give yourselves completely to God. For you were dead, but now you have new life.

3. We deceive ourselves.

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful
above all things and
beyond cure. Who can
understand it?

1 John 1:8-10

If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the
truth is not in us. If we confess
our sins, He is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins and to
cleanse us from all
unrighteousness. If we say we
have not sinned, we make Him
a liar, and His word is not in us.

Galatians 5:16-21

So I say, walk by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

The acts of flesh are obvious:
sexual immorality, impurity and
debauchery; idolatry and
witchcraft; hatred, discord,
jealousy, fits of rage, selfish
ambition, dissensions, factions
and envy; drunkenness, orgies and
the like. I warn you, as I did before,
that those who live like this will not
inherit the kingdom of God.

Is our desire for sin
bigger than our love
for God?

1. Be alert!
**Especially regarding
our choices that lead
us into temptation.**

2. Be Brutally honest
with yourself and God.

Psalm 139:1

Lord you have seen
what is in my heart. You
know all about me.

**3. Make sure you
have a Nathan.**

Accountability!
Iron sharpens iron

4. When God is everything
to you, you will be willing
to give up anything.

So make Him your
everything!

1. Be alert

**2. Be Brutally honest with yourself
and God about your sin.**

**3. Make sure you have a Nathan!
(aka accountability)**

**4. When God is everything to you,
you will give up anything. So make
Him your everything!**

