

From Fall to Forgiveness: 2 Samuel 11-12
The Story of David & Bathseba

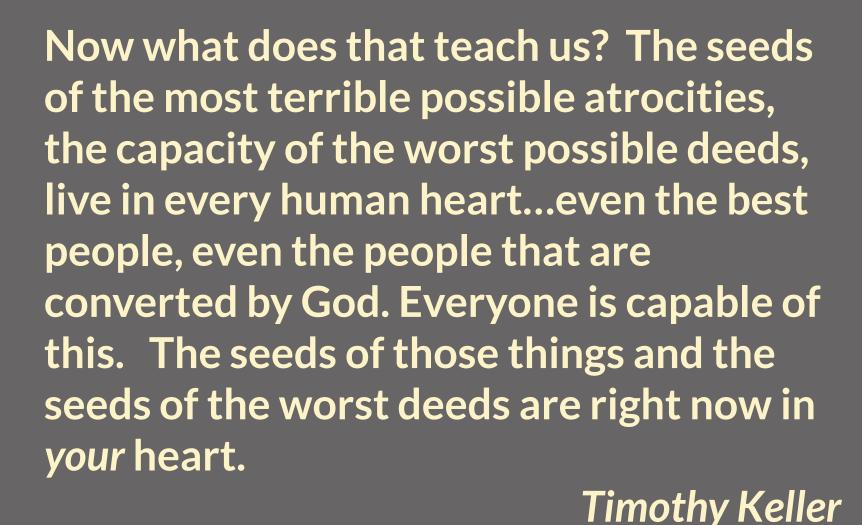
# Have you been disappointed by someone you respected greatly?



The Power of Sin . . . From Acorn to Oak Tree 2 Samuel 11



Half of the ten Commandments are broken in one terrible enterprise. And this is done by a man who wrote the Psalms, the incredible worship poetry including Psalm 40:8, which says, 'I delight to do your will, O God. Your law is in my heart.' The man who wrote this and meant it did this.



Be Killing Sin
Or Sin Will Be Killing You!



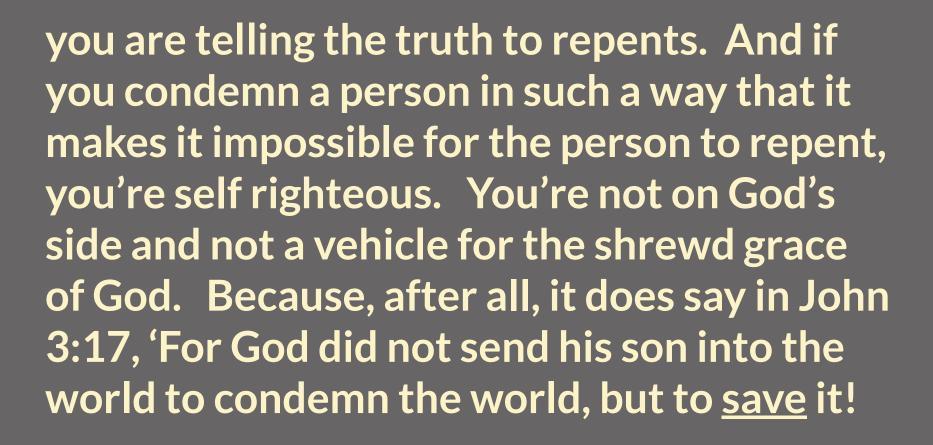
Look for the seeds, see those things that you're tolerating, and squash them. It's a whole lot easier to squash an acorn than to bring down an oak tree. Deal with them now. You're putting up with fantasies—fantasies of revenge or sexual pursuits. You're putting up with jealousy or envy. You're putting up with enormous self absorption about how you look. You're putting up with all kinds of stuff which, in the right circumstances, can grow terrible things. So be killing sin, or sin will be killing you!

John Owen - 17th Century Theologian

God's Amazing Love:
Justice combined with Grace



If there is ever any hope of persuasion, God goes for conviction and conversion over condemnation...It's very easy to condemn someone in such a way that you just raise their defense mechanisms up so high that there is no way that they will ever repent. It glorifies God to tell the truth about sin, but it glorifies God more if the person



Timothy Keller

Be a Nathan...
Get some Nathans



I want everybody to be a Nathan and go get some Nathans! By being a Nathan, I mean that you've got friends who have character deficiencies that are hurting them and most of their other friends are not telling them about it because everyone is afraid to say anything. You be a Nathan and be willing to say, 'you are the man' or 'you are the woman'. But don't start that way.

Be like Nathan. Don't monologue...don't beat them up...your friends need you to be a Nathan...to have the courage and the love and the graciousness to speak the truth in love...in so much love that even though they want to disbelieve you, they won't be able to because they see the good will in your heart. Go and be a Nathan!"

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The Amazing Assurance of Pardon



As there is no sin so small but it deserves damnation, so there is no sin so great that it can bring damnation upon those who truly repent."

Westminster Confession—1647

