



KING of HEARTS

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

**Have you been disappointed by someone you respected greatly?**



# Lesson 1

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.



Now what does that teach us? The seeds of the most terrible possible atrocities, the capacity of the worst possible deeds, live in every human heart...even the best people, even the people that are converted by God. Everyone is capable of this. The seeds of those things and the seeds of the worst deeds are right now in *your* heart.

*Timothy Keller*

# Lesson 2

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*

# Lesson 3

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**



you are telling the truth to repents. And if you condemn a person in such a way that it makes it impossible for the person to repent, you're self righteous. You're not on God's side and not a vehicle for the shrewd grace of God. Because, after all, it does say in John 3:17, 'For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but to save it!

*Timothy Keller*

# Lesson 4

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!"**

*Timothy Keller*

# Lesson 5

## 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*

