

Transforming Daily
“... *you are the man* ...”
2 Samuel 12:7

Can you imagine what it must have been like to be David when Nathan confronted him about his sin with Bathsheba? Nathan bore the full weight of God’s Word when he revealed to David that his sin had been found out. As if it weren’t enough for David to hear that Nathan knew of his sin with Bathsheba, that Nathan then conveyed God’s disappointment of David’s acts despite His abundant blessings on David’s life. The stark, shocking realization that he had been found out had to have been fraught with intense and immense pain.

Second Samuel is not only the story of King David’s monarchial reign. It is the story of that reign in the shadow of David’s sin with her who was formally “the wife of Uriah the Hittite.” Up to this point, David’s life is practically flawless. He performed as a man full of godly character and wisdom in relationship to King Saul and Saul’s son Jonathan. But all it took was one unguarded moment and David paid for the results with the rest of his life. God honored His covenant with David, but the consequences from David’s actions had far and devastating ramifications. David experienced sorrows that he would not have otherwise had to face except for the sin with Bathsheba; as well his reign as King of Israel suffered. Yet, through all of it, God remained faithful and true to His Word.

Before we are too hard on David be thankful that you and I aren’t held to the same immediate standard as David. To be sure, “your sins will find you out,” and there will be a reckoning according to our works. For the believer, we stand to face the Judgment Seat of Christ where our works since we have been saved will be judged. As far as our salvation, that reckoning was satisfied by Jesus Christ’s substitutionary atonement on the cross of Calvary. The believer doesn’t work to be saved, but having been saved now works the will of the Father.

But just like David, one unguarded moment could mean the difference for us between certain ramifications that otherwise for that one unguarded moment would not have to be faced. David was a man after God’s own heart. If it can happen to him, it can happen to anyone. What about your life? Are you living in the midst of ramifications due to the results of one unguarded moment? Do you consider yourself a second class citizen of the Kingdom of God (which by the way doesn’t exist)? Are you reveling and wallowing in past regrets? Have you received the grace and forgiveness of God? Having been born again, do you stand firmly on the Word of God as a new creature in Christ? Are you using your past failures to strengthen your future successes? Regarding my faithfulness to God, instead of my failures to do His will, to that I would rather hear Him say, “You are the man.”