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CONFRONTING AND CONFESSING SIN

2 Samuel 12

2 Samuel 11-12 in a Sentence: Because God loves us, He refuses to let us conceal our sin but confronts our sin so that we may confess it and He may cover it.

I'm praying God uses this text to help us:

- Minimize our yielding to temptation and committing sin.
- Minimize our concealing and compounding of sin.
- Maximize our gracious and loving confronting of one another's sin.
- Maximize our gratitude for Christ's covering of our sin.

I. WHEN THE LORD CONFRONTS OUR SIN HE DOES SO FOR OUR REPENTANCE AND NOT OUR RUIN

- a. The main point of 2 Samuel 12 is not how we can be better at confronting each other, but how God pursues us to bring us back into right relationship with Himself.
- b. Though the main point is God seeking our repentance and reconciliation, there are still some truths we can learn about confronting sin in each other's lives:
 - i. First, notice the Lord sent Nathan to David.
 - ii. Second, notice Nathan did not send Nathan.
 - iii. Third, the Word of the Lord confronts sin.
 - iv. Fourth, do not be surprised if the person you are confronting sees everyone else's sin more clearly than his or her own.
- c. Application for us:
 - i. To fail to confront sin is not loving.
 - ii. Let's not be like the church at Corinth - 1 Corinthians 5.
 - iii. Let's do what we're told in Galatians 6:1.

II. GOD'S KINDNESS LEADS US TO BOTH CONVICTION AND CONFESSION OF SIN AND IS IRONICALLY WHAT WE SCORN IN COMMITTING SIN

- a. Conviction:
 - i. We need God's view of sin to be our view of sin.
 - ii. All sin is a scorning of God and of His goodness and faithfulness to us. We receive His good but respond with evil.
- b. Confession:
 - i. Genuine confession is not marked by the amount of words out of the mouth but by the attitude of the heart. (Psalm 32; 51)



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- III. **THOUGH HE CLEANSSES US, GOD MAY LEAVE THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR SIN**
 - a. The consequences are not the punishment – God’s wrath is the punishment for sin and Christ has born this.
 - b. But just because the consequences are not punishment does not mean they are not painful.
 - i. God wants to remind us of how foolish sin is.
 - ii. God wants to remind us to go to Him.

- IV. **AT GREAT COST TO HIMSELF, GOD COVERS ALL OF OUR SIN**
 - a. The Lord has put away your sin.
 - b. Though the Lord is displeased with our sin, He is not done with us.
 - c. A son of David dies in this passage because of David’s sin. One day, the Son of David died in our place because of all of our sin.