

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

THE CONFESSION

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For use in Animated/Engaged Learning.

Read 2 Samuel 12.

1. Why is it that so many sins are kept secret—for a time?

2. Although nobody else may have noticed David's sin, God did. God sent Nathan, the prophet, to give David a message, just at the right time (not immediately after David had committed adultery, killed Uriah, and taken Bathsheba as his wife). Why was God's timing right? Read Psalm 32:3, 4 for some clues.

3. How do you think Nathan felt when he approached David?

4. Why didn't God just give David this message directly?

5. Why did God use a story to reach out to David?

6. What four words were most confronting to David?

You are the man

7. What was so confronting about this story?

About david angry at the person david said that the rich man should die

8. Why did David's sin elicit such a response from God?

Had a special bond with God, god was disapointed
God had given him everything but david did this
Against God

9. There is always a consequence for sin. What was David's consequence?

10. Nathan's rebuke had gone straight to David's heart. In what ways can we take courage from this story?

Nathan was fearless, he folowed God

11. What can you learn from Nathan through this story?

To fearlessly follow god

12. What is the role and purpose of an accountability partner? Have you ever had one?

So they can hold you accountable. no

13. Was David truly repentant? (Prov. 28:13; Ps. 51:17)

yes

14. David and Bathsheba's son died, despite David pleading for his life.
Why do you think David arose and stopped pleading after the death?

He realized his son wasnt going to come back

15. Can we expect God to forgive us like David, and therefore just keep sinning—since we are all just human anyway?

no

16. What is your response to the following quote:

“The Bible has little to say in praise of men. Little space is given to recounting the virtues of even the best men who have ever lived. This silence is not without purpose; it is not without a lesson. All the good qualities that men possess are the gift of God; their good deeds are performed by the grace of God through Christ. Since they owe all to God the glory of whatever they are or do belongs to Him alone; they are instruments in His hands. More than this—as all the lessons of Bible history teach—it is a perilous thing to praise or exalt men; for if one comes to lose sight of his entire dependence on God, and to trust to his own strength, he is sure to fall. Man is contending with foes who are stronger than he. ‘We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against wicked spirits in high places.’ Ephesians 6:12, margin. It is impossible for us in our own strength to maintain the conflict; and whatever diverts the mind from God, whatever leads to self-exaltation or to self-dependence, is surely preparing the way for our overthrow. The tenor of the Bible is to inculcate distrust of human power and to encourage trust in divine power. “It was the spirit of self-confidence and self-exaltation that prepared the way for David’s fall.”

—Ellen G White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 717

I honestly don't like it that much because it indicates that all our good “deeds” as humans are Not done by us but by God

17. What lessons is God wanting to teach you through this story?

Teaching us to do good, and not go astray

18. How can David be a man after God’s own heart when he acted this way?

Because he repented