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<sup>8</sup> **Fill me with joy and gladness;** let the bones which thou hast broken **rejoice.** <sup>9</sup> **Hide thy face** from my sins, and **blot out** all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean heart,** O God, and **put a new and right spirit within me.** <sup>11</sup> **Cast me not** away from thy presence, and **take not thy Holy Spirit** from me. <sup>12</sup> **Restore to me the joy of thy salvation,** and **uphold me with a willing spirit.**

<sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee. <sup>14</sup> **Deliver me from bloodguiltiness,** O God, thou God of my salvation, and **my tongue will sing aloud of thy deliverance.** <sup>15</sup> O Lord, **open thou my lips,** and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

<sup>16</sup> For thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, thou wouldst not be pleased. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifice acceptable to God is **a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,** O God, thou wilt not despise.

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### Consequences for sin; learning to hate sin, itself.

Galatians 6:7 (RSV) Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. <sup>8</sup> For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Proverbs 8:13 The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

1 Chronicles 22:9 But you will have a son who will be a man of peace and rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies on

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## Forgiveness and Consequences

Life of David—part 9

2 Samuel 12; Psalm 51 March 24, 2019

### Getting off scot-free? The parable.

2 Samuel 12:1 The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor....

2 Samuel 12:2 The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

2 Sam. 12:4 Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."

2 Samuel 12:5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! <sup>6</sup> He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."

### The awful consequences begin

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2 Sam. 12:7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"

This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.

<sup>8</sup> I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah.

■ And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more.

<sup>9</sup> Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

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2 Samuel 12:10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.' <sup>11</sup> This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. <sup>12</sup> You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"

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Numbers 32:23 ...be sure your sin will find you out.

### David's brokenness, Psalm 51

2 Samuel 12:13 Then David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the LORD.' Nathan replied, 'The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.' <sup>14</sup> But because by

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doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die."

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Psalms 51:1 (RSV) Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgment.

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