

The Problem of Guilt—The Power of Forgiveness

2 Samuel 11-12

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Big Idea: David's heart was transformed because he experienced the transformative power of God's forgiveness.

- 1. David's Deliberate Sin (2 Samuel 11)
 - a. Spontaneous vs. planned sin
 - b. God's view of David's sin

Important: All sin is sin, but deliberate sin affects us differently.

- 2. David's <u>Debilitating</u> Guilt (<u>Psalm 32:3-4, 40:12, 51:2-3</u>)
 - a. Guilt pricks our inner person
 - b. Guilt sabotages our spiritual endeavors

Important: While imprisoned by guilt we are of little use to God, others, or ourselves.

- 3. God's <u>Dramatic</u> Forgiveness (<u>2 Samuel 12</u>)
 - a. David's simple confession
 - b. God's difference-making forgiveness

Important: No matter how deliberate or extreme your sin, God's forgiveness can transform you.