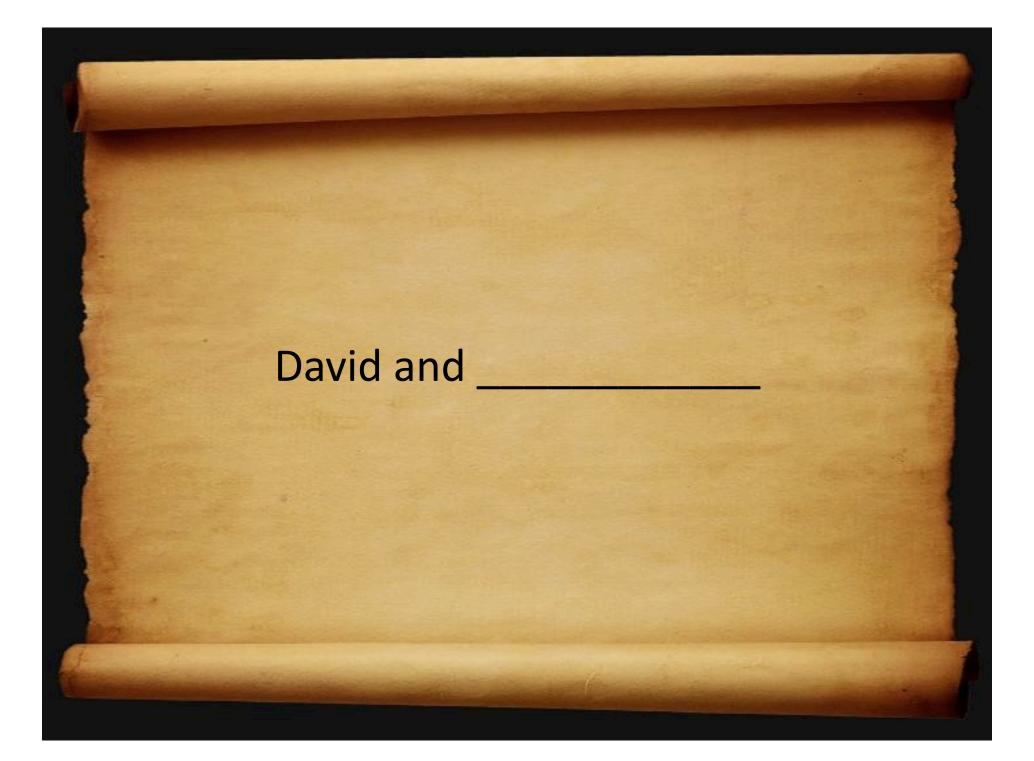
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So the LORD sent Nathan the prophet to tell David this story: "There were two men in a certain town. One was rich and one was poor. The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children."

~ 2 Samuel 12:1-3

"It ate from the man's own plate and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man's lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest."

~ 2 Samuel 12:3-4

David was furious. "As surely as the LORD lives," he vowed, "any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity."

~ 2 Samuel 12:5-6

Then Nathan said to David, "You are that man! The LORD, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. I gave you your master's house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more.

~ 2 Samuel 12:7-8

Why, then, have you despised the word of the LORD and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife.

~ 2 Samuel 12:9

3 Important Things To Think About

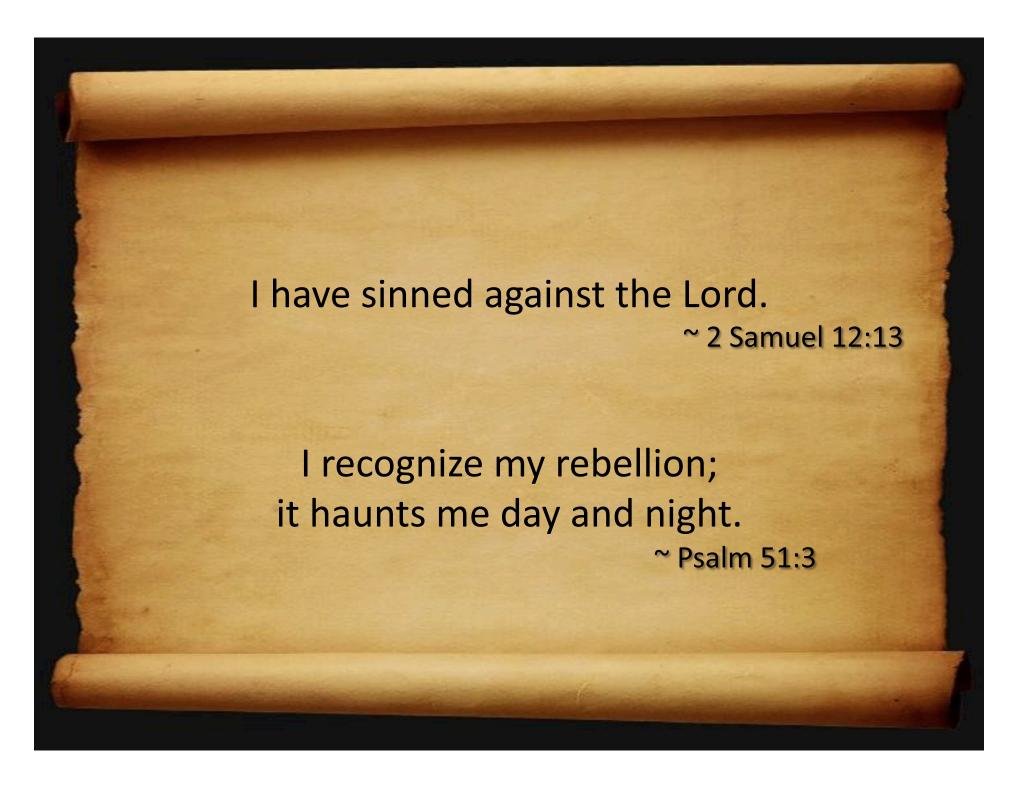
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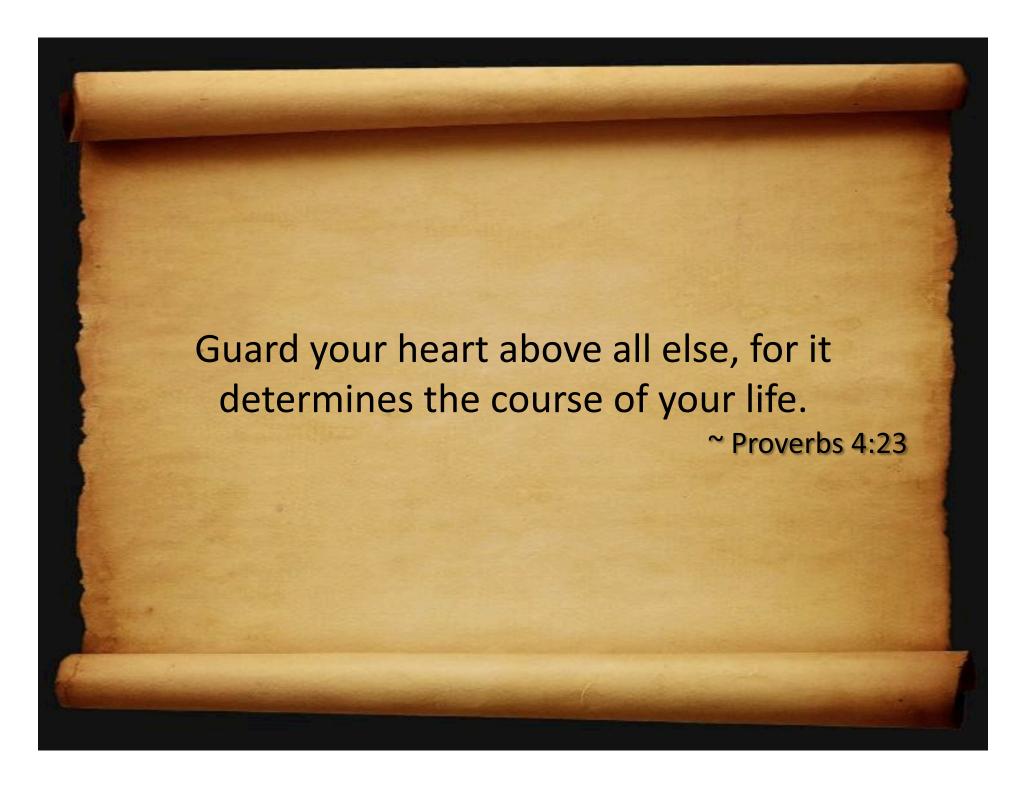
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David's sin, enormous as it was, was wildly outdone by God's grace. David's sin cannot, must not, be minimized, but it's miniscule compared to God's salvation from it. It's always a mistake to concentrate attention on our sins; it's God's work on our sins that is the main event.

~ Eugene Peterson, While I Was Praying



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