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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
Shame Of Thrones : The Story Of David And Bathsheba
Episode 4: Ewe Da' Man.
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2 Samuel 12:1-10

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. ²The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³but 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. 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.” ⁵David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! ⁶He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.” ⁷Then 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. ⁸I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹Why 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. ¹⁰Now, 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.’”

“David’s sin displeased the LORD but David didn’t listen to the conviction of the Holy Spirit or to his conscience. Now God sent someone else to speak to David. God mercifully kept speaking to David even when David didn’t listen.”

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- **Leave it unattended**
 - **Luke 24:32** *They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”*
 - Who is doing most of the talking to you in your life?
- **Accept wickedness**
 - **Matthew 24:12-14** *Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*
 - **Proverbs 29:1** *A man who hardens his neck after much reproof will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.*

2. The scandal of “Grace” - If the bible had a theme, that theme would be grace.

- **God is about to show David “unmerited favor”.**
 - **David’s response:** *Vs. 5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die!*
 - **God’s response:** *Nathan replied, “**The LORD has taken away your sin.** You are not going to die. “But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the LORD, the son born to you will die.”*

Food For The Journey: Use these questions to go deeper in one of our community groups or for personal reflection.

1. David had stopped heeding his conscience, so God sent Nathan to speak to David about his sin. How do we avoid getting to this place?
2. Pastor Adam mentioned that one of the best ways to grow a cold heart is to leave it unattended. What are some strategies to keep your heart tended and fertile for God?
3. Matthew 24 equates increasing wickedness in the world with people’s hearts becoming cold. Where is the world increasing in wickedness and how comfortable with that wickedness are you?
4. The bible is a book about grace, but is often painted as one of wrath. Why do you think so many people miss the true message of God’s story in the bible?
5. Do you live in grace? Do you have grace for others as well as steep yourself in the grace of God? How do we do this?