When I Am the Man

Ken Chapman · 2 Samuel 12:1–13

INTRODUCTION

- Have you ever said anything that you regret.
- Sometimes we box ourselves into a corner by what we say.
- The main import of this lesson is not about David being that man, but what about me?

1 Why Do I Want to Lash Out?

Acts 7:54–58; Acts 2:37

- Why does it seem like that is my first gut reaction to having my sin pointed out and having to be confronted with the realities of my own shortcomings and failings?
- Stephen is the one in Acts chapter 7 who is Nathan the prophet.
- In Acts 2, they were cut to the heart and fell, at least proverbally, to their knees and said, What shall we do?
- But in Acts 7, when being confronted with their sins, they're cut to the heart and they lash out at the one accusing them.
- It was easy for David to see the other man's sin.

2 I Have Sinned

2 Samuel 12:13

- Why can't I just say, you're right. And be humble.
- There in 2 Samuel chapter 12 in verse 13, he says, I have sinned.
- When someone comes to me in a loving, meek, gentle way, and tells me of my wrong, I should humbly accept the correction and say I have sinned.
- When someone comes to me in the wrong attitude, in a hateful, almost gotcha kind of way to expose my sin. I still should humbly admit that I have sinned.

3 What Will You Think of Me?

Acts 13:22; Psalm 32; Psalm 51

- Sometimes this keeps us from confessing sin, doesn't it? Because of our fear of how we will be viewed by others.
- He was more concerned with how God viewed him than how man would view it.
- Have I been guilty of saying that about others? Diminishing their confession.
- David only confessed after he got caught. But does that in any way diminish his honest confession of sin?

4 I May Have to Pay a Heavy Price

2 Samuel 12:10–12

- And when I'm the man, I may have to pay a heavy price for owning up to my sin. David did.
- Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.
- Oftentimes we have a difficult time separating forgiveness from consequences.
- I may have those sins washed away, but there still may be a price to pay. Some consequences.

5 Confess Your Trespasses to One Another

Psalm 32; 1 John 1:9; James 5:16

- Maybe one reason David didn't lash out at Nathan and continue the cover up is that David maybe felt a sense of relief that finally I am caught.
- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Ultimately and finally, all sin is an offense to God at its highest and most moral level.
- Confess your trespasses to one another. And pray for one another. That you may be healed.
- A healing of our relationship to God, that's why it's called reconciliation.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you need to come to Christ and be unburdened? Are you that man or that woman this morning?**

MY NOTES