

JUNE 12, 2016



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



2 SAMUEL 12:7–10, 13

PSALM 32:1–2, 5, 7, 11

GALATIANS 2:16, 19–21

LUKE 7:36–8:3 OR 7:36–50

REFLECTION

Your parent(s) can, at any given time, tell you, their child, all the things they do to make sure you have everything you need provided to you. Whether or not they choose to do something like that might make you, as the child, upset. Nathan was beyond upset with David. He was furious. How could a man like David, chosen by God from his youth, do such awful things to fulfill his own selfish desires? Though he himself didn't murder Uriah, he knew by his commands that Uriah would die so then he could take Uriah's wife for his own. That does not sound God-inspired, it sounds wrong. How has humanity not changed? If long before Jesus, men (and women) were doing awful things—killing people for the sake of their own desires—how are we to learn to be better today?

While your parent(s) shouldn't need to remind you each day of the things you have, it is hopefully in your heart to be thankful for what you do have, and for you to not obsess over what you do not. It is our desires that get us in trouble and cause us to sin. And when our sin doesn't look as bad as some written in Scripture, it doesn't mean we are off the hook. This is what happened with the Pharisee and the sinful woman who bathed Jesus' feet in expensive perfumed oil. Jesus looked at the act of love she offered, not at any of her wrongdoing. He acts toward her, and teaches us, that our actions can and will be forgiven if our heart is in the right place. God has the right of a parent to say "look what I made for you and have given; and what have you done?"



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ACTION

Make a very specific list of every blessing that you do not necessarily have a right to own (a roof over your head, meals, et cetera). In looking at the list, write down who is responsible for each item. Thank them! Spiritual items are harder, but take a look at your heart and think of all the good gifts God has given. It might be time to thank God for the gifts and apologize for misusing these gifts, or even your time.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Think about David and Uriah; what have you done, or failed to do, to help another person this week? What were your reasons for not doing the right thing?
- A sinful woman offered her tears, hair, and ointment to gift Jesus with her faith. What could you personally do to show Jesus your love and your sorrow for any wrongdoing?