



INTO THE LIGHT DEVOTIONAL | JUNE 1

RECEIVE

In **2 Samuel 12**, the prophet Nathan calls David out for the sin he committed against Uriah and Bathsheba. David had destroyed their marriage and taken Uriah's life. Until Nathan confronted him, David had not fully processed his sin. David is in denial that he's done anything wrong and Nathan dares to confront him, leading to the confession David writes about in Psalm 51. Confession is a difficult yet integral part of our faith journey. This week, we'll explore God's invitation to step toward confessing our sin and begin taking steps to make it right.

REFLECT

1. What led to the moment of confession in 2 Samuel 12? What do you think was happening in David's life that led him to act the way he did?
2. Why do you think Nathan approached David the way he did (starting with a story instead of a direct accusation)?
3. What role did power play in their discussion? Nathan was a prophet representing God, yet David was a king. Both had power, how did they steward it?
4. David wrote Psalm 51 as an act of repentance. As you read it, what stands out to you?

5. What attributes and qualities of God's character does David call out? Why does he focus on those attributes as part of his confession?
6. What is it in our human nature that leads us to hide our sin from God and from others?
7. David's confession is powerful. What lessons can you apply to your own life?
8. Nathan was involved in David's confession, and Psalm 51 is a public song that was used by Israel and is still read by us today. What role does community play in confession?
9. Do you have someone in your life to whom you can confess? Do you have a "Nathan" in your life who can call you out when they see error in your life?
10. What next steps do you need to take this week considering these passages and the Steps message from this past weekend?

RESPOND

Reread Psalm 51. Ask God to search your heart and reveal to you the places that need confession. Sometimes our lives move so fast we race past people whom we have injured and places where we need to grow. Can you slow down for a few moments this week to consider the practice of confession and what you might need to confess?

BLESSING

"God, give me space to slow down so that I can accurately reflect on who I am and what I've done. I've hurt people, refused to act and neglected important things. Help me see my missteps and find a way to share them with You. Lead me to confession and then lead me to community. Lead me to action so that I can work to make right what I've broken and make space to grow and transform my life to Your glory. Amen."