## The Truth in Love

## **WHEN YOU BLOW PAST THE GUARD RAIL**

2 Samuel 12:1-14 Jeff Schreve

"Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hitite to be your wife." 2 Samuel 12:10

## What do we need to learn from David's great sin?

1. No one is immune from committing terrible, horrible sin.

Therefore let him who thinks he stands **take heed** lest he fall.

1 Corinthians 10:12

- A. Beware that you don't begin to coast.
- B. Beware that you don't begin to compromise.
- C. Beware that you don't begin to <u>rationalize</u>.
- D. Be aware that God sees it all.

  But the thing that David did was evil in the sight of the LORD.

  2 Samuel 11:27
- 2. No one is immune from the damaging consequences of sin.

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. Galatians 6:7

- A. There is the <u>internal</u> damage.
- B. There is the <u>external</u> damage.
  - 1. Your life and loved ones are <u>severely wounded</u>.
  - 2. Your witness is <u>trashed</u>, and God is <u>blasphemed</u>. "However, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die." 2 Samuel 12:14

## 3. Anyone can find forgiveness in the grace of God.

Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has taken away your sin; you shall not die.

2 Samuel 12:13

- A. You can honestly and humbly confess your sin.
- B. You can sincerely <u>repent and turn from your sin</u>.
- C. You can be <u>forgiven</u> and <u>restored</u>, but with <u>scars</u>.

  David did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the case of Uriah the Hittite.

  1 Kings 15:5

If "you are the man", you desperately need to get it right!