

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: February 23, 2023
2 Samuel 12:15-31

1. What happened in our texts over the last couple of weeks in 2 Samuel 11-12:14
 - a. David slept with a married woman, she got pregnant, and then he had her husband killed.
 - b. God sent the prophet Nathan to David and Nathan told David a story.
 - c. David was furious about the man in Nathan's story and said he should die and should be held liable for 4x the value of the ewe lamb that he butchered.
 - d. Nathan told David that he was the man.
 - e. God told David that he had blessed him with much and he if that had not been enough, he would have blessed him with even more.
 - f. Although God forgave David's sin, so he did not die for his sin, there were still consequences of his sin and God said that the son who was born out of this sin would die.

2. What is happening now, in 12:15? _____
What did David do in 12:16-17?
 - a. David pleaded with God for the child.
 - b. He fasted and spent the nights lying in sackcloth on the ground.
 - c. The elders of David's household stood beside him to get him up from the ground, but he refused.
 - d. David would not eat any food.

3. What happened in 12:18-19?
 - a. On the seventh day the child died.
 - b. David's attendants were afraid to tell him the child was dead. They thought he may do something desperate.
 - c. David noticed that his attendants were whispering among themselves, and he realized the child was dead.

4. What did David do in verse 20?
 - a. He did something desperate...if he acted that way while the child was alive, what else was he going to do after the child died?
 - b. He got up from the ground, washed up, put on lotions and changed his clothes.
 - c. He went to the house of the Lord and worshiped.
 - d. Then he went home and ate.

5. How did his attendants respond in verse 21? _____
6. How did David answer them in verses 22-23? _____

7. What did David do next, in verses 24-25?
 - a. David comforted his wife Bathsheba.
 - b. Something that needs to be censored.
 - c. They had a son, Solomon, whom the Lord loved and sent word through the prophet that he should be called Jedidiah.What do we know about Solomon and what context does that bring to this story? _____

What does this suggest about God and how he interacts with his people?
 - a. It was never that big a deal what David did with Bathsheba and Uriah.
 - b. God is redemptive. There may be consequences for sin, but he doesn't quickly give up on his plan to do good things for those who follow him (and repent of their sin).

8. What do we learn in verses 26-31?
 - a. Well, that was a drastic turn in the story.
 - b. Perhaps there is significance that David went out to war where he should have been before.
 - c. The significance of victory here might reinforce the idea that David still has the hand of God with him in his reign.