

Confronted with the Truth

2 Samuel 12:1-15a

A year of guilt (11:26-27)

Though his sin may not have been public, David lived with a strong sense of guilt

Psalms 32:3-4

Psalms 51:2-3

A moment of truth (12:1-12)

Nathan creatively confronted David with the truth

A life-changing event (12:13-14)

David acknowledged his guilt and confessed his sin

☐ When it is time to confront

• Prepare yourself (12:1a)

Get the facts

Be sensitive to God's timing

Go with a sense of courage

- **Be direct, but gracious (12:1b-10)**

- Use word pictures (1b-6)
- Describe the nature of God (7-8)
- List the specific sins (9-10)

- **Help the person understand and feel what they have done (12:9a-10b)**

- They despised God's commandments (9a)
- They despised God himself (10b)

- **Describe the consequences of their sin (12:10-14)**

How will their actions affect . . .

Personal life

Family

Christian community

Non-Christian community

God

- **Lead them to confession and repentance (12:13)**

Real repentance leads to . . .

Open admission of sin

Complete break with sin

Brokenness and humility

Forgiveness and reinstatement