

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# FLAWED MASTERPIECE



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WEEK 1



# NATHAN & DAVID: 2 SAMUEL 12

This week kicks off our new summer series, Flawed Masterpiece! The Bible mentions hundreds of men and women whose stories and voices need to be heard. What can we learn from these less recognizable people? How can they help us to see our faith and life from a different angle? These are the questions we will explore each week in our Summer series, Flawed Masterpiece. The less recognized character we are looking at this week is Nathan from 2 Samuel 12. As we dive into this chapter, what is most compelling, what is most shocking, and where do you see yourself in the story?

## NATHAN CONFRONTS DAVID

What is so compelling to me in this story is the response from David. The willingness to receive the confrontation, the willingness to humble himself, look in the mirror, and say, "I have sinned against the Lord" (Verse 12:13). We can observe this radical change of posture in David from "David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord Live, the man who did this must die!" (verse 12:5) to seeing himself in a new light, with a fresh perspective.

**BUT** we see Nathan has taken an extreme risk to go before the King, who has all the power to take everything away from Nathan, even his life! Nathan, fully aware of the threat to his own life at hand, was obedient to God in confronting David with this warning. Nathan gives us an example on the reality of being followers of Christ, how can we do likewise? Doing life with people may get messy **BUT** grow to trust Jesus seeing he wants the best for your life and others! So as you go this week live into and encourage those around you to trust in what Jesus is calling them into!

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What shocks you most about the interaction between Nathan and David?
- Looking at verse 5 what stands out to you about David's response?
- Share a story of a time when you have been confronted by a trusted friend?
- Share some ideas with each other on how you can hold your close, trusted friends accountable. And how you can receive well being confronted on something that you may have done or even on something you may not have the slightest idea you have done.

# PRAYER

- Take this time to pray for your group members. What are some specific things you need prayer for?
- How can you remind your church family of the unconditional love of God?

