



The Path Out of Phobia-ville

Facing the Fear of Confrontation

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2 Samuel 12:1-13 (NLT)

"So the LORD sent Nathan the prophet to tell David this story: 'There were two men in a certain town. One was rich, and one was poor. The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children. It ate from the man's own plate and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man's lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest.' David was furious. 'As surely as the LORD lives,' he vowed, 'any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity.' Then Nathan said to David, 'You are that man! The LORD, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. I gave you your master's house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more. Why, then, have you despised the word of the LORD and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife'... Then David confessed to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the LORD.'"

When facing confrontation remember to...

➤ _____ your friends.

2 Samuel 12:1 (NLT)

"So the LORD sent Nathan the prophet to tell David this story...."

Proverbs 27:6 (NIV)

"Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses."

➤ _____ the right setting.

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Proverbs 25:11 (TM)

"The right word at the right time is like a custom-made piece of jewelry,"

➤ _____ enough to be direct.

2 Samuel 12:7-13 (NLT)

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Ephesians 4:15 (ICB)

"... We will speak the truth with love...."

➤ _____ to spiritual restoration.

2 Samuel 12:13 (NLT)

"... Nathan replied, 'Yes, but the LORD has forgiven you....'"

Galatians 6:1 (NIV)

"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted."

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