

RIVALS

“HOW TO BE A ~~GOOD~~ GODLY FRIEND” RIVALS SERIES WEEK THREE

2 SAMUEL 12:1-4

The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. “Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

2 SAMUEL 12:5-10

David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.” Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave your master’s house to you. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’

MATTHEW 7:3-5

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

**AS WE ACTIVELY WORK THROUGH OUR SIN, WE HELP OTHERS
ACTIVELY WORK THROUGH THEIRS.**

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS LIVE IN SIN.

2 SAMUEL 12:13-14

Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the Lord, the son born to you will die."

**WHEN WE ACCEPT OUR FRIENDS FOR WHO THEY WANT TO BE,
WE ARE NEGLECTING THE PERSON THAT GOD CREATED THEM TO BE.**

BE A GODLY FRIEND BY:

1. Loving your friends where they are at
2. Addressing their sin when the opportunity presents itself
3. Helping them see that God has a plan for their life

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