

# Pursuing God's Heart: A Difficult Job

## 2 Samuel 12:1-12

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Confronting sin . . .

Can you think of two words you like less than those?

The idea of being responsible to confront  
another person caught in sin is overwhelming.

Isn't there someone else who can do this?

Why do I have to be the one to go to them?

Confrontation is intimidating until we understand  
what motivates such a choice...

### **Big Idea: Care *enough* to *confront!***

Consider Nathan's care for King David and realize  
when confronting sin we must:

- ↪ Be filled with **love** for the **person**. 2 Samuel 12:1a
- ↪ Be **courageously dependent** on the Lord. 2 Samuel 12:1b-6
- ↪ Be **truthful** and **accurate**. 2 Samuel 12:7a
- ↪ Be concerned with the **Lord's holiness**. 2 Samuel 12:7b-12

When we confront like this, we can help others to  
experience the freedom King David found:

*"...I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity.  
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord' – and  
You forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let everyone who  
is godly pray to You while You may be found... You are my hiding  
place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with  
songs of deliverance." Psalm 32: 5-7*