

I Hate that Sin Thing

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II Samuel 12.1-7: 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."

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!"

I John 1.5-10: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

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Evangelism 101
Part 2

Perhaps the biggest superbug
is how we **deny** sin



David's Storyō



Sin **blinds** us
to its power and its effects

Sin starts with the **lie**
that it is really
not that badō



And it worked!



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him** and **yet walk in the darkness**,
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Enter Nathan with his storyō



Notice how **sneaky** Nathan was: he did not
just confront David directly
second picture comes with statement: **You are
the man!**

Psalm 51.1b-4a: Have mercy on me,
O God...

my sin is always before me...

Against you, you only, have I
sinned...



David wrote this Psalm after being confronted
by Nathan

I John 5.7: But if we walk in the light,
as he is in the light,

we have fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus, his Son,
purifies us from all sin.

So yes, there is the promise of forgiveness
and renewal

If David can live in sin yet deny its
power, how much **worse** is it for the
non-Christians?



Romans 1.21: For although they
knew God, they neither glorified him as
God nor gave thanks to him, but their
thinking became futile and their foolish
hearts were darkened.

Galatians 5.19-21: The acts of the
flesh are obvious: sexual immorality,
impurity and debauchery; idolatry and
witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits
of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions,
factions and envy; drunkenness,
orgies, and the like.

I warn you, as I did before, that
those who live like this will not inherit
the kingdom of God.

I Kings 18: Elijah
and the prophets of Baal



we won't work through these one at a time, but
notice how we have examples of physical and
spiritual sins

recall how God used Elijah to PROVE that
Baal worship was false

I Kings 19.1-2

Jezebel did not repent:
instead, she got **angry!**



And here's the key:
non-Christians react
to **confrontation** anger (active denial)

So, if non-Christians don't feel bad
about sin and don't want to face it,
how can we reach them?

God provides **special** opportunities!

yet Jezebel promises to kill Elijah within the day
note how she does not repent: rather she gets angry that she
is shown to be wrong

1. People have **teachable** moments



true for adults as well as kids; I like this
picture because the guy seems to really
answer her with gentleness & respect
so what are some of these moments?
getting married, having a baby, the death of
someone special

2. They may **regret** the consequences of sin



See who they've hurt
What happens in "sin city" does NOT stay
there

3. They may come to see the **poison** of sin on their own



We have to be **ready**:

- to listen
- to care
- to explain

when the time is right

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OT: II Sam 12.1-7; NT: I Jn 1.5-10

Perhaps the biggest superbug is how we d_____ sin

David's story

II Samuel 11

Sin b_____ us to its power and effects

Sin starts with the l_____ that it is really not that bad...

Enter Nathan with his story

II Samuel 12; Psalm 51; I John 5.7

If David can live in sin and deny its power:

how much w_____ is it for the non-Christian?

Romans 1.21

Galatians 5.19-21

Elijah's story

II Kings 18

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II Kings 19.1-2

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2. They may r_____ the consequences of sin

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Application:

Recall the nominal and non- Christians you identified last week. How well did we describe them today?

Is your friend at one of the three "turning points" mentioned at the end of this sermon? If so, could you help?

Have you prayed for them in the past week? Pray for them this week. Pray that you might be ready to help them if they are ready to receive it.

