

**Recap of 2/1/26 message by Joe Ricchuiti
("The Sad Consequences of Forgiven Sin" 2 Samuel 12:1-31")**

1. Chapter twelve begins the story of God's response to David's sin. It contains two well-known incidents in David's life: the confrontation by the prophet Nathan with his parable of the poor man's lamb, and the story of the death of the child born of the adulterous relationship. David's marriage to Bathsheba seemed to be the end of the story except for one small detail 'The thing that David had done displeased the Lord (11:27). "The events of chapter 12 are a reminder that how we live is of concern to God and no one shows contempt for God's commandments with impunity." We must live with the consequences of our sins. God cares enough to discipline us.
2. David is quick to recognize and condemn sin in others while overlooking his own sin.
 - Forgiven sin still has consequences (reaping and sowing principle). In David's life his forgiven sin precipitated the deaths of three of his sons and the rape of his daughter.
 - We must not make place for sin in our lives, and especially in our thought life.
 - When we sin, we must confess our sin to God and then accept His forgiveness.
 - We confess when we acknowledge our sin to Him (Pss.32,51).
 - We accept His forgiveness when we forgive ourselves and go on to do His will in our lives.
3. It is a mistaken idea that with grace and forgiveness in Christ everything in our life is immediately put back the way it should be. Who says there will be no consequences to our sinful actions? We reap what we sow, forgiveness notwithstanding. In fact, we may spend the rest of our days living under the painful consequences of our foolish sins of the past. (Mittelstaed)
4. "Although [verse 23] May lend support to the view that infants who die are taken to heaven, the emphasis here is not on existence after death. The child could not return to life, but David would someday join his son in death." (Ryrie Study Bible)
5. In verse 23 "David attested to the irrevocability of death—its finality renders further petition absurd. 'I will go to him', David said, 'but he will not return to me! This reflects his conviction that the dead cannot return to life as it was. Rather it is the living who go to the dead." Bible Knowledge Commentary