

“Life Verse – A Close Encounter
When God Gives Direction for Our Lives”

“A Man After God’s Own Heart”

“After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’” Acts 13:22 (NIV)

A. Who was David?

1. An anointed shepherd—a matter of the heart

“So, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.” 1 Samuel 16:13 (NIV)

2. The King over all of Israel

“David was thirty years old when he became king.”
2 Samuel 5:4a (NIV)

3. A mighty warrior

“The Lord gave David victory wherever he went.”
2 Samuel 8:6b and also again in 2 Samuel 8:14b (NIV)

B. What was King David thinking?

1. The wrong place at the wrong time

“In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, ...One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace.” 2 Samuel 11:1-2 (NIV)

2. The second glance

“From the roof, he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her.”
2 Samuel 11:2b-3a (NIV)

C. A little help from a friend

1. Nathan, the prophet

“The Lord sent Nathan to David.” 2 Samuel 12:1a (NIV)

2. Nathan, the friend

“The Nathan said to David, ‘You are that man!’”
2 Samuel 12:7 (NLT)

3. David, the man after God’s heart

“Then David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the Lord.’” 2 Samuel 12:13 (NIV)

D. Redemption from failure

1. It is a matter of the heart.

“Nathan replied, ‘The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.’” 2 Samuel 12:13b (NIV)

2. Redemption does not always mean no consequences.

“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. This is what the Lord says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’”
2 Samuel 12:9-12 (NIV)

A Passage of Repentance

“**Create in me** a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.” Psalm 51:10-13 (NIV)

E. What we can learn from King David

1. Learn to bounce your eyes, or walk away.

Temptation is not sin.

2. Let your failure lead others to Christ—**The best story and witness of Jesus’ love is your story. No one can argue your story!**

F. What we can learn from Nathan

1. We all need a Nathan in our lives.

2. Do not be afraid to be bold.

3. When God speaks to you, listen and obey.

G. What we can learn about God

1. A God of second chances.

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

2. He will never give up on us.

“Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:20 (NET)

Challenge Question: If a Nathan would come to you, is there something that could surface in your life that you need to find redemption for? Something that God needs to redeem? If so, bow your head and pray this prayer to God: “**Create in me** a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take you Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach others your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.” Amen.