

HOW TO RESPOND WHEN UNDER GOD'S DISCIPLINING HAND

2 Samuel 12.13-25

Central Idea: *When living through the consequences of our choices, we should patiently learn the lessons the Lord has for us.*

🔗 Review

- We cannot ignore God's clear instructions.
- We cannot stay spiritually healthy without confessing our sin.
- We cannot escape the biblical principle of sowing and reaping.

🔗 The Example of David

1. Listen carefully to others (7a, 13-14)
2. Seek the Lord (15-17)
3. Accept the Lord's decisions with humility (18-20a)

4. Remember the Lord is good (20b-23)

5. Go on with life (24-25)

🔗 Lessons

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

1. Read 2 Samuel 12.13-14. What observations can you make – what stands out to you in both David's response to Nathan and Nathan's response to David's confession.
2. What are various ways we can respond when confronted with our own sin? Add to this list – defensiveness, justify our actions, rationalize, brokenness, repentance.
3. Why is it important to seek the Lord when we are experiencing His discipline?
4. What does David's fasting and prayer reveal about his understanding of God?
5. What does this passage teach us about God's heart toward the brokenhearted?
6. David was forgiven but suffered the consequences of his sinful choices. What can help us accept God's forgiveness even while we live with the consequences?
7. What are the challenges of "going on with life" after failure or loss?
8. Read Psalm 32 and reflect on the blessed of God's forgiveness.

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BIBLICAL TRUTH

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