

Oak Hill Baptist Church  
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**2 Samuel 12:24-13:6**

**The Lord Loved Him**

I was asked this week what topic do we as Americans struggle with the most. I feel that we struggle with making Jesus our top priority.

**When we do not keep Christ as our top priority,**

- We struggle with sin to satisfy us
- We struggle with seeking things of this world to satisfy us
- We struggle with not being as good as a spouse, parent, friend, or the best version of us.

**When we seek to make Jesus our top priority it impacts our life and others in a better way in every aspect.**

**Matthew 6:19-34**

***Giving to the Needy, The Lords Prayer, Fasting-***

***Lay Up Treasures in Heaven-***

*19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

***Do Not Be Anxious-***

*25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?] 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

**Vs 24-25** David sinned. There were consequences for his sins. David asked forgiveness and God not only forgave David, but He also blessed David.

*Gather ~ Praise ~ Pray ~ Grow ~ Serve*

**We need to seek God in prayer, spend time with Him in His word, and we need to live for Him and others. When we do this, life goes better.**

When we live for things of this world, things tend to not go as well or be as satisfying.

**1 Chron 3:5 suggests that Solomon was the 4<sup>th</sup> son of David and Bathsheba.**

**Though David sinned with Bethsheba, they married and God forgave them. God loved Solomon. Solomon would be the next king and have God's favor.**

**God's grace over sin oftentimes leaves us in wonderful places even though we do not deserve it. God loves us, forgives us, helps us, and blesses us through faith in Jesus.**

**Vs 26-31 After we see the sin of David and we see that Solomon is born and God loves him, the author returns to the battle at Rabbah (11:25).**

After David repents, God gives David children. He gives David a son and successor. He gives God's people victories.

**What sin is in your life that you are putting above God? Is it causing you to have less blessing from God? It might be causing you to deal with the consequences of that sin.**

**13:1- 7** In vs 12:11 God told David there would be consequences of his sin. Out of David's own house would be evil. There was victory and blessing, but God's consequences for David's murder and adultery would come true.

**Is the sin in your own life making you see hard consequences? Have you also seen God's forgiveness and blessing?**

Tamar was Absalom's full sister and the half-sister of Amnon.

**Absalom kills his half-brother to avenge the rape of his sister, but he would eventually be pardoned by David. Absalom then forms a conspiracy against David and declares himself king and he would be killed because of this rebellion.**

**Rape and incest were forbidden in the Bible in Lev 18:9.**

- **David did not focus on the Lord. He lusted after Bathsheba and committed adultery and murder.**
- **David repented. God forgave David. Blessed Him with a son in Solomon which continued the line of Jesus, our Savior, but David would have consequences to his sin.**
- **Amnon loved his half-sister, Tamar. He lusted after her. He did not seek God. He listened to ungodly advice and raped his half-sister. There would be consequences.**

**Are you seeking after Jesus now or seeking after something of this world? Are you willing to repent?**

**Are you dealing with the consequences of your own sin now even though Jesus forgives you?**

**Are you listening to God or the bad advice from your sinful heart or ungodly friends?**