

# The Passion Filled Life

*1 Peter 1:8*

*“Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.”*

## True Love Loves the Truth

(2 Samuel 12)  
March 11<sup>th</sup>

### GETTING THE BIG PICTURE

As we close this series of sermons on the passionate life, I think we saved one of the best for last—truth. Truth isn't usually the first thing you think about when considering a passionate relationship, but think about it again. Can you imagine a relationship built on lies? Unfortunately, it happens far too often. How many times do we see those we love in a really unhealthy place, but we don't love them enough to truthfully tell them. How often do we hold back from being truthful with one another because the truth may hurt? Believe it or not, if you want a truly great relationship, base it on the truth.

### *Optional Readings*

**2Samuel 11**

The event that led up to the confrontation.

### GETTING INTO THE TEXT

*Study Day(s)*

**READ & OBSERVE: 2 Samuel 12**

Write down anything you find interesting or unique about this passage.

### **ANSWER**

**The Need for a Confrontation (2 Samuel 11)**

Scan this chapter and describe what was going on.

As a result of David's "peeping Tom" activities, what were the terrible results of his sin?

## **The Confrontation (2 Samuel 12)**

Nathan the prophet was a good friend of David's. He addresses David by telling a parable/allegory—what is at the heart of the story?

How does David respond to the story which Nathan tells (vss.5-6)? What is it about this story that seems to cry out for justice?

Nathan's rebuke of David is a classic (verse 7)—“You are the Man!”. What follows is God's indictment of David. What exactly does God say David did wrong?

God says through the prophet that there will be repercussions for the king's behavior. What will happen to David?

How does David respond to the rebuke of the prophet (vs.13)? Read through verse 25 and describe how this all turns out in the end.

## **GETTING TO THE HEART**

### ***Application Day***

David and Nathan were good friends, yet sometimes friends have to tell friends the truth. If Nathan had never gone to David, what would David likely have done about his sin? So in going, was Nathan showing true love for his friend? (explain)

Now the uncomfortable part. What about you—do you allow people to speak into your life even when what they say may hurt? If you don't what will be the effect on your life? On the other side of things, is there someone in your life who needs some loving guidance, and you are the one that needs to give it? Maybe this is the week.