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A Teachable Heart

Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

WARNING... May contain questions that are extremely honest and revealing about the most secret parts of your life and character. Do NOT...I repeat, DO NOT engage in this exercise, unless you desire transformation.

This topic is not comfortable. Being teachable is a willingness, ability and openness to receiving criticism, rebuke and correction. Sound fun? It may not be fun, but it is central to developing a heart that pleases the Lord. Let's begin where all correction begins: sin.

- What are the areas of sin where you are most likely to stumble, fall or blow it?

- When you see others engaged in that area (the area(s) of sin you struggle with), are you more sympathetic or judgmental? How does your tendency/weakness in that area impact your feelings for others struggling with it?

The climax of 2 Samuel 11 and 12 occurs when Nathan boldly proclaims these words to David, "You are the man!" David is the man guilty of the sin Nathan describes to him.

- When confronted with their own shortcomings, failures, character defects and sin, what are some of the different ways people respond?

- What is your instinctive response? How do you typically react when people confront you?

One of the biggest reasons that Nathan's confrontation is effective is that David already respected and trusted Nathan.

- Who is a Nathan in your life? How have they earned the right to confront you?

- Who are you Nathan to? How have you earned the right to confront?