

## Chastened And Restored

### Description

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2 Samuel 12:11-25

With the help of the prophet Nathan, David confessed his sin. He suffered greatly due to the consequences of his first sin and the many sins he had committed in an attempt to cover up the first. God forgave David but there were painful consequences, and David's baby lived only seven days. This is where a fictional story might end, but David's continues. God gave David the strength to rise above his grief, put aside his regrets, and look ahead to the future that God had planned for him.

The enemy has plans for us today, plans to trip us up and lead us into temptation. God has another plan—a plan that involves keeping our focus on Him and saying “No” to temptation. When the enemy says to look closer, may we hear God's voice telling us to look away. When the enemy tells us we need something, may we accept God's answer of “No.” When the enemy wants us to wallow in self-pity, may we confess our sins, walk away from the past, and trust God for our future.

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