

**Promise Keeper**  
An Unexpected Christmas  
December 19, 2021

**Notes:**

**Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion**

**Read Matthew 1:1-6.**

What do you know about David? What stories from his life come to mind when you think of him?

Why do you think Matthew chose to include the phrase “the widow of Uriah” along with the names of David and Bathsheba in his genealogy of Jesus? What point do you think he was trying to make?

**Read 2 Samuel 7:1-29.**

What things does God remind David of, that He has already done for David and the Israelites? What promises did God give to David in this passage?

How does David respond to God’s message? What does he declare about God?

**Read 2 Samuel 12:1-20 and Psalm 51.**

David is in a much different place than we saw in 2 Samuel 7. How did David respond to the prophet Nathan’s message? What actions did he take? How did David approach God? What does this tell you about the kind of relationship David had with God?

How do you approach God when you have failed Him? Are confession and repentance a consistent part of your relationship with Him? Why or why not?

What does it mean to you to know that your standing with God is based on what He has done for you, not on anything you’ve done for Him; that He welcomes you and wants you, even in the middle of your mess, failure, and sin?

**Read Luke 2:10-14.**

What “good news” do you find in these verses? How has this news changed your life? Try writing your own psalm of gratitude for God’s goodness to you.