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THOU ART THE MAN

In 2 Samuel 11, It was the times of kings going to war. Yet, King David stayed behind. He sent Joab and his servants to fight the battle with Ammon. It was during this time that he saw Bathsheba from his rooftop. Instead of looking the other way, lust filled his heart, and he gave in to that lust. Out of that lust came adultery, a child conceived, then premeditated murder to hide his sin.

But like all sin, it was not hidden from the Lord. David marries Bathsheba, but in 2 Samuel 11:27 it says, ***“...but the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.”***

God sent Nathan the prophet to David and Nathan tells David about a poor man with one little ewe lamb. The man loved that lamb so much that he treated it as a daughter and held it close to his heart. Another man came by that poor man, took the little ewe lamb, and killed it for his own self.

The story made David angry, and he said in 1 Samuel 12:5b ***“...the man that hath done this shall surely die.”***

Then Nathan told David in verse 7, ***“...Thou art the man.”***

In verse 13 David repents of his sin, and Nathan tells him that the Lord put away his sin.

God may look at us and because of sin in our life could say, “Thou art the man, woman, child” but gives us also the opportunity to repent. I often wonder if Adam had repented in the garden for his sin of eating of the forbidden tree of knowledge, what would have happened. But God knew what he would do before he sinned and made a way for sin to be put away through Jesus Christ.

We all will stand before God. Some will not repent and will hear those words, “Thou art the man” and be judged for our sin, while those that have repented will enter into the kingdom of God. The choice is ours.