## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT NATHAN?

## Nathan: A Messenger of God How to Speak God's Truths

(2 Samuel 12, ESV)

**Build Relationships** Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." (2 Samuel 7:1-2)

• And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him... (2 Samuel 12:1)

**Speak God's Wisdom Generally** And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you." (2 Samuel 7:3)

Hear God's Voice Continually And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." (1 Samuel 3:10)
But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?..." (2 Samuel 7:4-5)

**Share God's Truths Specifically** In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David. (2 Samuel 7:17)

Confront Satan's Lies with Truth Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites." (2 Samuel 12:7-9)

**Restore God's Children Lovingly** David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die." Then Nathan went to his house. And the LORD afflicted the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and he became sick. (2 Samuel 12:13-15)

**Keep Speaking, Never Quit** Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the LORD loved him and sent a message by Nathan the prophet. So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD. (2 Samuel 12:24-25)

- Now therefore come, let me give you advice, that you may save your own life and the life of your son Solomon. (1 Kings 1:12)
- Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. (Psalm 51:1)