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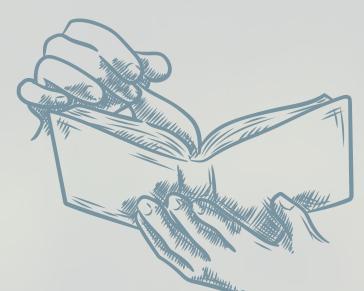
Nathan Rebukes David

1 The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle,



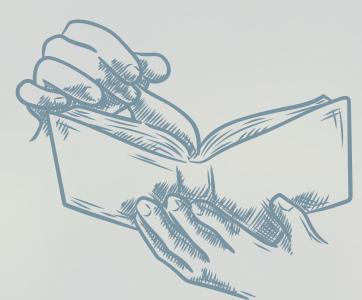
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3 but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.



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4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."



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5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! 6 He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."



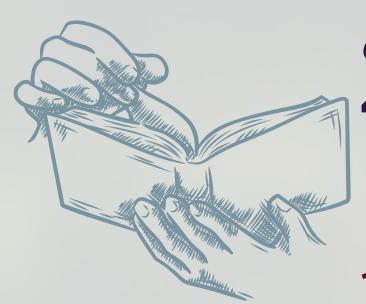
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7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more.



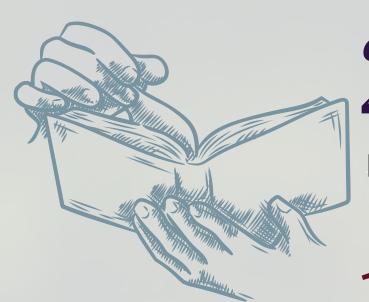
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9 Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'



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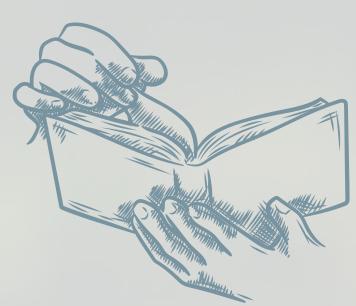
11 "This is what the Lord says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. 12 You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel."



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13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. 14 But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the Lord, the son born to you will die."



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15 After Nathan had gone home, the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became ill.

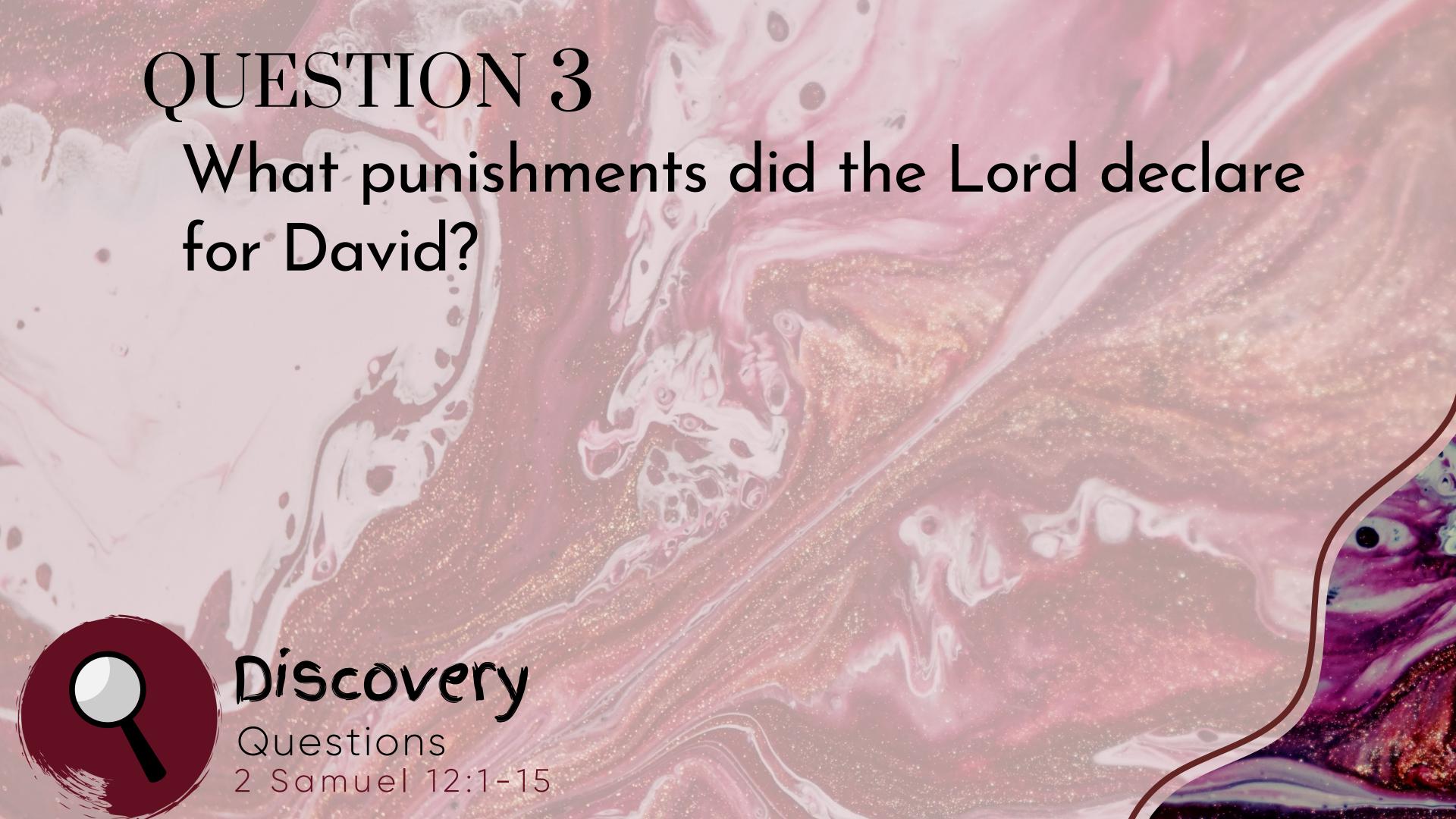
TAKE HOME Principle

"When the Lord who is just and merciful rebukes me, I will confess my sin, repent, seek His forgiveness, and accept the consequences of my sin."

QUESTION 1 What is the situation being addressed by Paul in verse 1? Discovery Questions 2 Samuel 12:1-15

How did King David respond to the story told by Nathan? How did he respond after he was rebuked and what was the result of that?





Why do you think the Lord had Nathan confront David through a story?





Aside from the death of David and Bathsheba's son, do you think the Lord carried out the rest of his declared punishments?





Why do you think, even after David confessed, did God still carry out his judgments? Don't you think it should have been David who died and not the child who was innocent? What was his purpose?





Take this moment to think about your own life... is the Lord confronting you, even in the subtlest of ways, of anything that you have done or are doing that displeases Him? Remember that He is a just God that hates sin, but that He is also merciful. Repent and ask the Lord for forgiveness.



Application
Questions
2 Samuel 12:1-15

Even though we have experienced the Lord's forgiveness time and time again, there is no denying that there are consequences when we sin. How should we react or respond when God allows us to experience these?

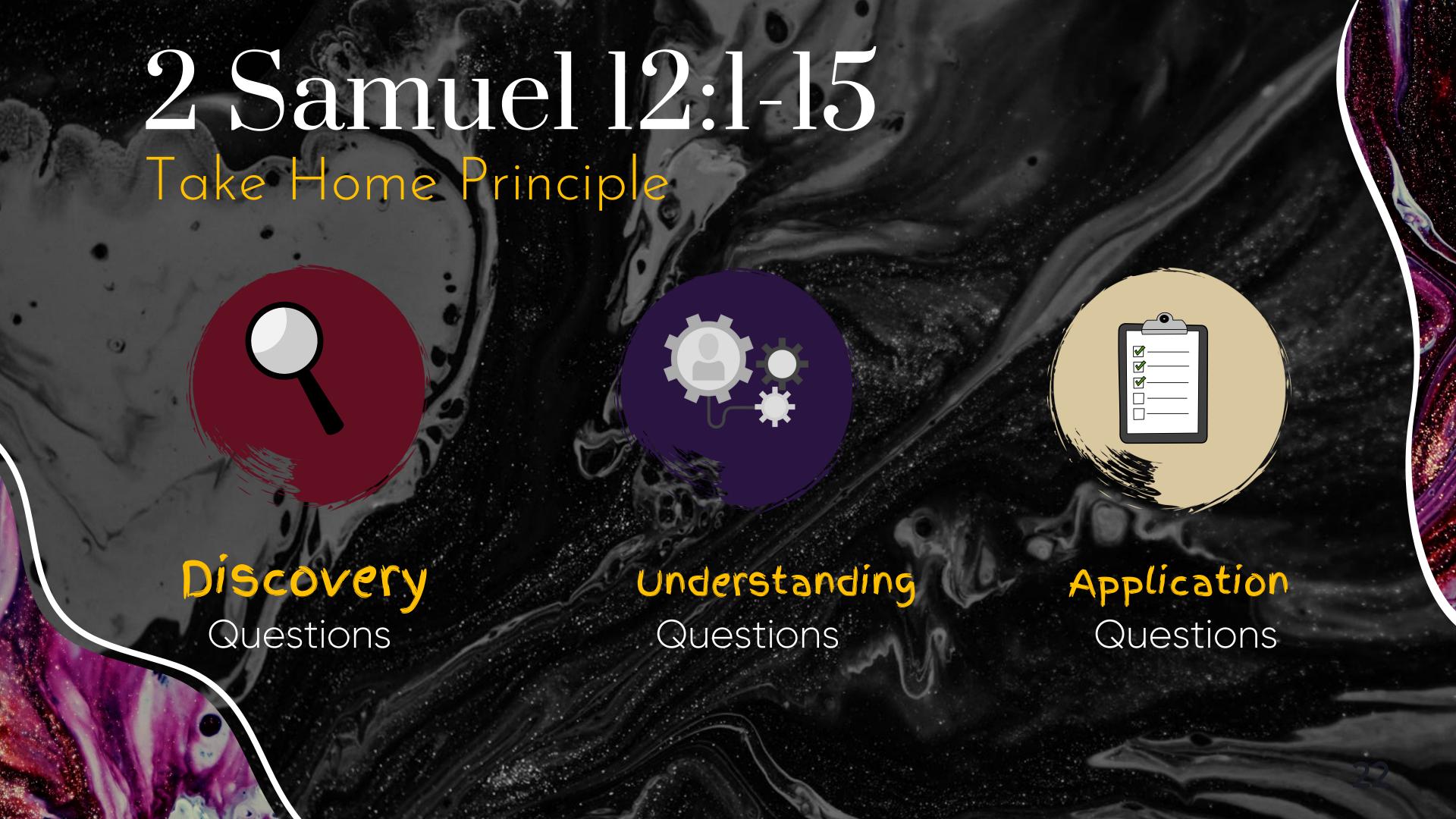


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2 Samuel 12:1-15

The Lord continues to give us chances to be reconciled to Him despite all our sins. When we are wronged, how can we extend the same grace and mercy to others? Can you think of any recent or ongoing situation where you can apply this?



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