

A Warriors Guide to Life's Battles



Repentance 2 Samuel 11 & 12

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This passage tells the story of David and Bathsheba and Uriah. This was one of the lowest points in Davids life and the point where he almost lost his destiny. It was, in many senses, the biggest battle he fought.

The battle, however, was not just with temptation. Rather, the real battle was over his ability to repent from his sin. We all fall but do we all repent of our involvement in the fall and change our ways?

David is recorded as the mightiest man of God because he had a heart that was willing to repent even when the cost was high.

Q - When you hear the word repent, what feelings and thoughts come up?

Q - How would you describe the words repent or repentance?

There are a lot of different parts to true repentance - confession, sorrow, change of thinking and change of actions. Temptation comes in waves. Every decision matters. All of us make mistakes. Another way to say it is: all of us intentionally make wrong choices.

Q - What are some common ways - both healthy and unhealthy - that people deal with their mistakes and wrong choices?

It took David a long time, and a confrontation from a prophet to admit he was wrong and turn back to God.

Q - What could a healthy habit of reflection and repentance look like in your life?

Q - Do you find it difficult to forgive yourself? Talk about it.

Q - Do you find it easy to hold onto your identity in Christ as forgiven and beloved son/daughter?

David's song of repentance...Psalm 51

Q - Does any phrase stand out to you from David's song?

Warning Against Adultery Proverbs 5

Q - Does any phrase stand out to you from Solomon's warning against adultery?

Ordination Introduction (Pastor Paul)

Ordination is the process of publicly being set apart from this day forth for the work of the ministry.

Jesus called his disciples from their life of fishing to a life devoted to Him and the lost world. This ordination is affirming and establishing the same high calling on this life that was on Christ's original 12 apostles.

While the candidate may or may not work in the full time ministry they are affirming today that their heart and passion is to use every ounce of their strength for the purposes of the gospel.

In taking this vow publicly the candidate is committing that they will preach the words of Jesus faithfully, without fear or compromise, even in the face of persecution. They promise to be an example of the faith in their lifestyle and character. And they promise to care and love the people of God as a shepherd cares for his own flock. And they promise to do the work of an evangelist.

The candidate today has been observed by the leadership of this church over time. They have been interviewed, being observed in various situations, and tested to see if their heart is humble, sacrificial, and godly.

It is the confident view of the leadership of this church that the candidate before you today, Landry McAllister, is truly called of God to be set aside and devoted to the work of the ministry by the Holy Spirit.

It is our intention today to affirm this calling through prayer, the laying on of hands, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit with the symbolic applying of oil.

Ordination Challenge (Reg Clayton)

Landry McAllister do you, with all your heart, promise to do the following...

- Do you promise to remain faithful, by God's grace, to the Lord Jesus Christ all of your life? *I do.*
- Do you promise to be a strong and clear example, by God's grace, of christian character, integrity, and love all your life? *I do.*
- Do you promise to preach the divinely inspired and authoritative word of God, by God's grace, clearly and boldly even in the face of persecution. *I do.*
- Do you promise to love and protect the people of God and lay your life down for them, by Gods grace, just as Jesus did for His church? *I do.*
- Do you promise to have see and pursue the lost, by Gods grace, and not become so busy as to ignore their pain and needs? *I do.*
- Are you committing from this day forth, by the grace of God, to set yourself aside to be fully and absolutely a servant of Jesus; to go where he says, do what he asks, and be yoked to him for the rest of your life? *I do.*

Ordination Charge (Pastor Paul)

I charge you based on the answers given to remain faithful to your call, to God and God's people and to the answers that you have given here tonight. I charge you to preach the word in season and out and to do the work of an evangelist. I charge you to be an example to the saints, even in your youth, and to lay down your life for the people of God even as Jesus did.

We, your fellow ministers, also promise to support you and to be there for you in the incredible journey that you have begun.

MayGod bless you.

Ordination Anointing and Prayer

Candidate(s) and their spouse(s) please kneel at the altar.

Would all the ordained ministers of this church please come and lay hands on them in the presence of God and this assembly.

Ordination Anointing - Pastor Paul

We separate you today, by the divine purposes of God the father, by the calling of His son Jesus Christ, and by the power of Holy Spirit, to the life long passion of the serving Christ, the world, and the church. And all of God's people affirmed this separation by declaring Amen.

Ordination Prayer by Pastor Reg and Pastor Rollie