Welcome to Manna Church! We are Glad You are Here!

What to Expect On a Typical Sunday
The worship experience at Manna Church lasts approximately 70-75 minutes. It begins with a time of worship and a brief period of announcements, followed by a biblical and practical message delivered by one of our pastors. Service concludes with another short time of worship and prayer.

Connection Card
If you're a first-time guest, we would love for you to fill out a connection card. No one is planning to call you or come by your house—we just want to thank you for joining us today and to let you know what is available to you here at Manna.

Free Gift for First-Time Guests
If it is your first time with us, we have a gift available for you in the lobby at the end of service. We simply want to give you a gift to thank you for being with us today!

Get the Church Center App
Scan the QR Code to download the Church Center App to get connected to all of our Small Groups, register for upcoming events, and more!

Small Groups
Manna Church is not a church with small groups; we are a small groups church. On Sundays, we gather corporately to be inspired by the presence and Word of God. However, friendships, discipleship, and growth primarily happen in the context of a small group. You can find a list of available Small Groups to join by going on our website, cos.manna.church, and clicking on the "Connect" tab.

Manna Kids
We strive to provide a clean and safe environment where children can experience and enjoy the love of Jesus. The Nursery/Preschool experience is available for kids 6 weeks through 5 years old, and the Elementary experience is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We would love to have your child join us!

Manna Students
If you are in 6th to 12th grade, come join us for Manna Students on Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Manna Church Offices! We meet weekly during the small group cycle for games, worship, biblical teachings, and small groups! We hope you will join us!

Ways to Give
For a safe and secure way to give to Manna Church, scan the QR Code. Here, you can schedule a one-time gift or establish and manage a recurring gift through the Online Portal.

Pizza With the Pastor
Whether you're visiting for the first time or have been part of Manna Church for a while, Pizza with the Pastor is a fantastic way to get connected and learn more about the mission and vision of the church. Join us on the first Sunday of every month at 5:00 P.M. at the Manna Church Offices (1580 E. Cheyenne Mtn. Blvd) for an evening with our pastors and staff. You can register online or at the Info Center in the main lobby! Childcare is provided.

Growth Track
The Manna Church Growth Track is a series of small groups designed to facilitate your growth as a healthy, effective follower of Jesus Christ. Wherever you are in your journey, the Growth Track can equip you to fully experience your calling in God and your part in impacting your world. Sign up for NextStep by going online or registering at our Info Center Table in the Main Lobby.

FirstStep. In FirstStep, you will discover what a balanced, integrated, and healthy life of a disciple of Jesus looks like, specifically within the context of Manna Church. *Meets the first 4 Mondays of every month from 6:30p-8p. Scan the QR code to join.*

NextStep. NextStep is here for you to learn about Manna Church's Mission, Vision, and Values. You'll discover who we are, why we're here, where we're going, and how you can get connected while exploring God's unique purpose for your life.
Meets the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month in the Harrison High School Library.

LeaderStep. LeaderStep prepares you to lead at Manna Church in areas such as small groups or serve teams. Built on our 12 Operational Principles, LeaderStep fosters spiritual growth, authentic relationships, and Kingdom impact, helping you discover how God can use you to make a difference. (Must have completed NextStep).
Meets quarterly throughout the year. Check the Manna Church Colorado Springs website or ask anyone at our Info Center Table for dates and details.

Sermon Discussion Questions
Take the message deeper this week! We've created questions for your own personal devotional time and for rich conversation in your small group. Find them by scanning the QR code and clicking on "Sermon Notes."

SERMONNOTES

Welcome to Manna Church **November 15, 2026**

David and Nathan

Your _____ doesn't have to be _____.

2 Samuel 12:1-6 (ESV) - And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds, 3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. 4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." 5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, 6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

2 Samuel 12:7a (ESV) - Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"

1. You can _____ it or _____ it.

Psalm 32:3-4 (ESV) - For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Proverbs 28:13 (ESV) - Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

2 Samuel 12:7-12 (ESV) - 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. 8 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. 9 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. 10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' 11 Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.'"

2 Samuel 12:13a (ESV) - David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

2. You can _____ of it or _____ to it.

Proverbs 26:11 (ESV) - Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly.

Psalm 51:1-4 (ESV) - Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

2 Samuel 12:13-15 (ESV) - 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. 14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die." 15 Then Nathan went to his house.

3. You can allow God to _____ it or continue to _____ it.

Proverbs 24:16 (ESV) - for the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity.

Psalm 51:10-12 (ESV) - Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

1 John 1:8-9 (ESV) - If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Colossians 2:13-14 (ESV) - And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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Personal Reflection

Recognizing Sin in Our Own Lives
David could clearly recognize the sin in someone else's life while remaining blind to his own. Are there attitudes, behaviors, or struggles you tend to excuse in yourself but quickly recognize in others?

When God confronts you with an area of sin or disobedience, how do you typically respond? Do you acknowledge it, justify it, minimize it, or try to ignore it?

Confessing Rather Than Concealing
Is there something in your life that you have been hiding from God or others because of shame, fear, or the consequences of bringing it into the light?

The sermon reminds us that concealing sin gives it power, while confession brings it into the light. What makes honest confession difficult, and what might freedom through confession look like in your life?

Genuine Repentance
When you recognize that you've sinned, are you more concerned about the consequences of your actions or about how your actions have affected your relationship with God and others?

Repentance involves a change of heart, mind, and direction. Is there an area of your life where you've acknowledged something is wrong but haven't yet taken the necessary steps to change?

Receiving God's Forgiveness
Have you ever struggled to believe that God's grace and forgiveness were sufficient to cover something you've done? What makes certain failures more difficult to release than others?

How can you distinguish between the conviction that draws you toward repentance and the condemnation that keeps you trapped in guilt and shame?

Allowing God to Redeem Your Story
The sermon reminds us, "Your failure doesn't have to be final." Is there a past mistake or failure that you have allowed to define how you see yourself or what you believe God can do through you?

What would it look like for you to stop reliving a past failure, receive God's forgiveness, and begin moving forward in the life He is calling you to live?

Small Group Reflection

The Danger of Spiritual Blindness
Nathan used a story to help David recognize the seriousness of his own sin. Why do you think it's often easier to identify sin in someone else's life than to recognize it in our own?

The sermon describes Nathan's confrontation as an act of God's mercy. How can loving correction from another believer become an expression of God's grace in our lives?

Confession or Concealment
David's attempts to conceal his sin only led to greater destruction. Why does hiding our failures often create additional problems rather than protecting us from the consequences?

Proverbs 28:13 connects confession and turning away from sin with receiving mercy. How can we cultivate relationships and small groups where people feel safe enough to confess their struggles while still being encouraged toward genuine repentance?

Understanding Genuine Repentance
David's response to Nathan was very different from Saul's response when confronted with his own disobedience. What can we learn from the contrast between making excuses for our sin and taking full responsibility for it?

What is the difference between feeling sorry because we've been caught and experiencing genuine, godly sorrow that leads to repentance? How can we recognize that difference in our own lives?

Forgiveness and Consequences
David received God's forgiveness but still experienced painful consequences from his decisions. Why is it important to understand that forgiveness doesn't necessarily remove the earthly consequences of sin?

How can we help someone experience God's grace and restoration while also encouraging them to take responsibility for the harm their actions may have caused?

Conviction Versus Condemnation
The sermon distinguishes between conviction, which draws us toward God, and condemnation, which drives us away from Him. How can we recognize the difference when dealing with guilt, shame, or regret?

Why do you think some Christians continue carrying guilt for sins they have already confessed and repented of, and how can understanding the gospel help them experience freedom?