



“Create in me a pure heart,  
O God, and renew a  
steadfast spirit within me...”  
Psalm 51:10a {David, after  
sin with Bathsheba}

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***Rebuilding***  
**Your Healthy**  
**Imagination**

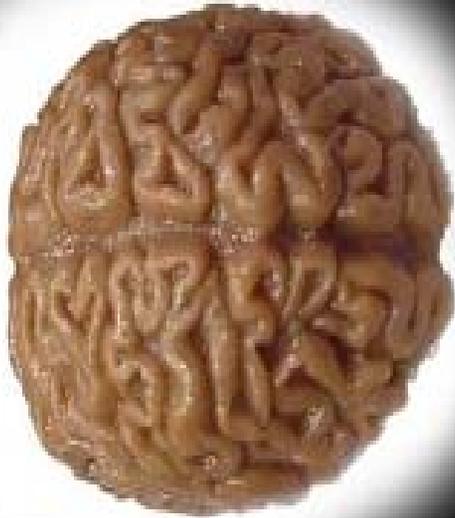


**“How  
do I  
clean  
up my  
heart?”**



Lust: A human, intense, selfish, inordinate, wrongly motivated desire, incubated to apprehend and motivated to influence, control, possess, diminish or destroy...

*Defining*  
moments in  
our *humanity*

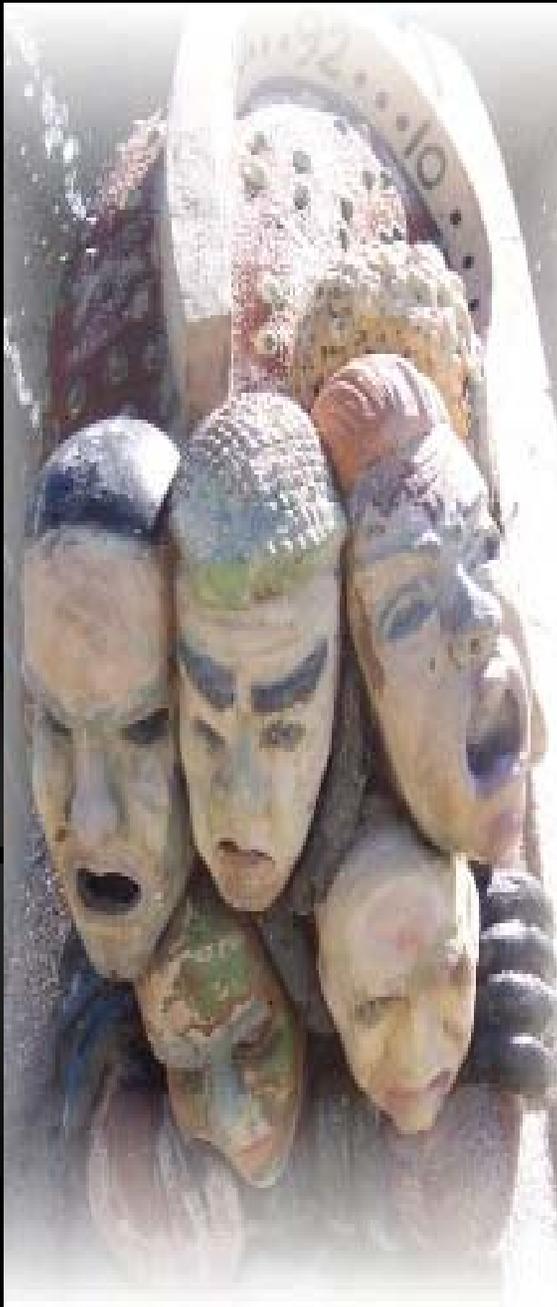


“But [every human being] is tempted when, by his/her own evil desire, s/he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.” James 1:14-15

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**Imagination  
equips us to be  
“*Lust-Incubators*”**



Lust is the subtle intruder in our every relationship to...

***Power,  
Persons,  
Position &  
Possessions!***

What are the  
contradictions and  
connections between...

**L**ikes,  
loves,  
lusts?





“Lust {Gr. epithemia} is the passionate desire for forbidden pleasure. It is the desire which makes men do nameless and shameless things.

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It is a kind of insanity which makes a man do things that he never would have done if this desire had not taken away his sense of honor, prudence and decency.” William Barclay

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- Break from restraint
  - Imagination plots to embrace
  - Consequences and cover-ups
  - Conspiracy, death & judgment

*II Samuel 11-12*

# ***God's King Commits Adultery...***



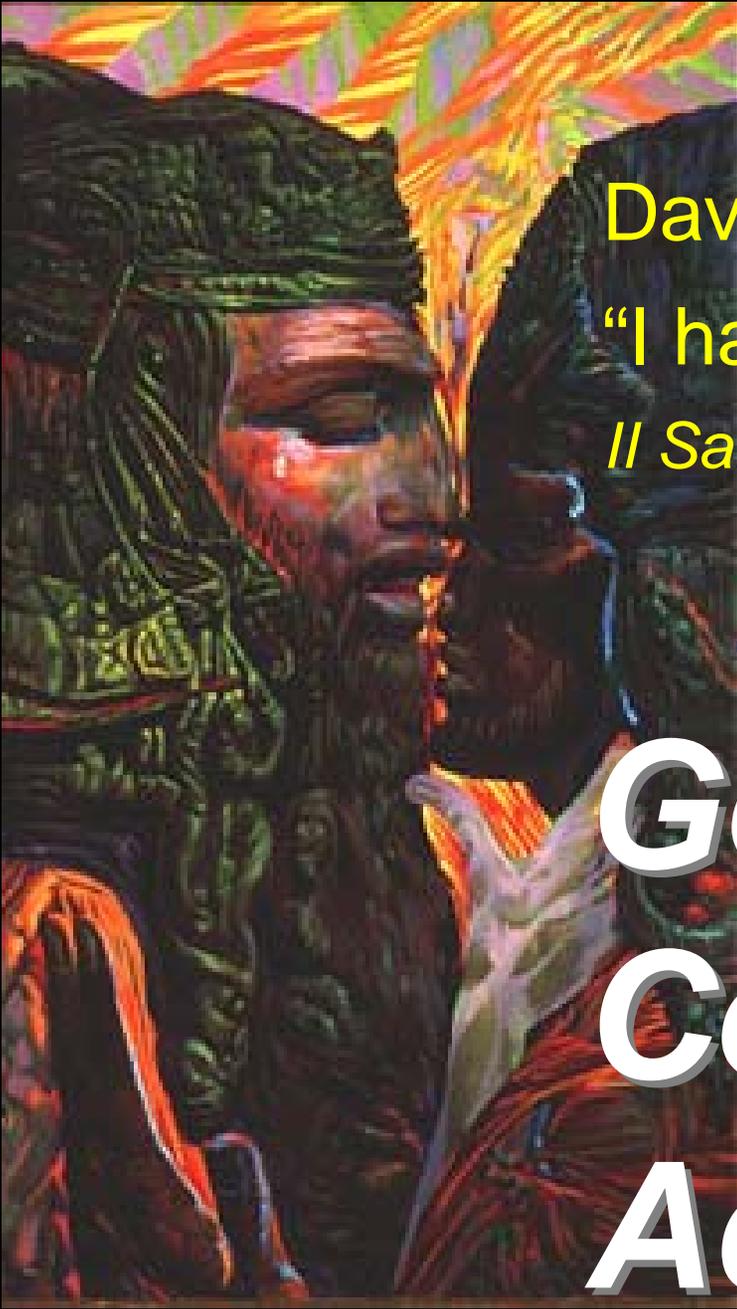
Nathan to David...

“Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what was evil in His eyes.”

*II Samuel 12:9*

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***God's King  
Commits  
Adultery...***



David's reply...

"I have sinned against the Lord."

*II Samuel 12:13*

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***God's King  
Commits  
Adultery...***



1. Put your trust in God, v.4a;
2. Be “gentle,” v.4b
3. Pray, v.6;
4. Let Jesus guard heart/mind, v.7;
5. Give yourself the lust-test, v.8;
6. Find/follow Godly examples, v.9a;
7. Walk in Holy Spirit power, v9b.

*Philippians 4:4-9*

# ***Rebuilding Your Healthy Imagination***



Dear Father...

I admit that I live lustfully. I desire more, am seldom satisfied with what I am and have and sometimes do things just because I can. I incubate ideas about power, persons and possessions that - when acted on - destroy relationships, causing death.

Today, I renounce my lust, resolving - in your grace, through your word and by your Holy Spirit - to live a life that loves you and others. "Create in me a pure heart, O God." Amen.