

Knowing Jesus: when we break everything

2 Samuel 11 and 12

"I want to know Christ,
– yes, to know the power of his resurrection
and participation in his sufferings..."

Philippians 3:10 NIVUK

One word summary:

One sentence summary:

1. Jesus moves towards you...

"What the heart loves, the will chooses, the mind justifies"

*"But the thing David had done displeased the LORD. The LORD sent
Nathan..."*

2. Jesus reveals to you...

"You are the man!"

"I cannot overstate how important it is for you to be seen in order to be healed."

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3. Jesus leads you to confession

"I have sinned against the LORD."

4. Jesus walks with us through the earthly consequences

'I will go to him, but he will not return to me.'

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'

Take it further

1. What most encouraged you about Jesus, and what most challenged you?
2. What is your instinctive response when you've got it wrong?

Which of these are true for you:

- Cover up
- Hide
- Run away
- Give up
- Get angry
- Feel sorry for myself
- Despair
- Make excuses
- Blame others
- Other:

Why do you think you respond that way?

3. Why is Jesus' way so much better?
4. By whom do you find it hardest to have your failings exposed?
Why do you think that might be?
5. Are there areas of your life that you are trying to keep hidden from the Lord or from those closest to you?
 - a. What effect might it be having on you?
 - b. Why do you think you are wanting to keep it hidden?
 - c. Bring them into the light with a trusted Christian friend

To read:

Forgive: Why should I and How can I? by Timothy Keller

An (all age-ish) confession:

Lord Jesus, you are a friend of people who get it wrong.
We're sorry for when we run away from you, cover things up or think you don't care.

Please forgive us.

Forgive us and change us

Lord Jesus, you help us understand what we have done.
We're sorry for when we just want to feel better about ourselves, or keep things hidden.

Please forgive us.

Forgive us and change us

Lord Jesus, you want us to own our own wrong doings.
We're sorry for making excuses, blaming others, and being angry we're found out.

Please forgive us.

Forgive us and change us

Lord Jesus, you will walk with us through the consequences of our wrongs.

We're sorry when we don't accept them.

Please forgive us

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