

GOD'S ABILITY TO PERSUADE



II SAMUEL 12:1-14

I. The LORD sent Nathan to persuade David (II Samuel 12:1).



- How does it help to have a relationship with someone you seek to persuade?
- What will help us to see ourselves as chosen by God to persuade others?

II. Telling a story that relates well is a great way to persuade (v.1-4).



- **How much persuasive power is accomplished by a good story?**
- **What factors are involved in choosing a story that relates to the hearer?**

III. A personal, emotional response paves the way for repentance (v.5-6).



- Why is anger a much better response than apathy?
- How can God use righteous anger to accomplish His purpose in our lives?

IV. Effective timing for rebuking sin is delicate (v.7-12).

- How does Nathan's reply help David to redirect his anger?
- How can we help others to direct their anger toward their sin and its effects?
- How does love respond when sin needs to be rebuked?



V. The properly persuaded heart will repent and confess wrong (v.13-14).



- How does David's response to sin differ from that of the previous king?
- What is keeping us from being persuaded to repent of our sin?
- Why is it important to know that forgiven sin still has consequences?

Call to Action: To willingly be persuaded to confess our sin and then help others do the same.



- Does your walk with God let you see when God is calling you to persuade?
- How close is your relationship with the one you seek to persuade?
- What kinds of stories will help persuasion?
- How can you help direct righteous anger?
- What sins in your life need to be confessed?

-How can we help?