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**Wednesdays// 7:00 pm**

## **The Power of a Whisper**

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**2 Sam 12:1-7:** Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him: "There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> "The rich *man* had exceedingly many flocks and herds. <sup>3</sup> "But the poor *man* had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> "And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." <sup>5</sup> So David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! <sup>6</sup> "And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity." Then Nathan said to David, "You *are* the man!

**2 Sam 12:13:** So 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.

**Prov. 11:14:** Where *there is* no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors *there is* safety.

**Prov. 3:5-6:** Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

**Prov. 2:1-5:** My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, <sup>2</sup> So that you incline your ear to wisdom, *and* apply your heart to understanding; <sup>3</sup> Yes, if you cry out for discernment, *and*

lift up your voice for understanding, <sup>4</sup> If you seek her as silver, and search for her as *for* hidden treasures; <sup>5</sup> Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

**John 8:36:** Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

### Small Group Interaction:

1. What might have happened to David if the Lord not sent Nathan, or had Nathan decided not to confront him, or had David not repented? (see 2 Sam. 12:10-12)
2. Everyone needs a Nathan. Who, at times, has God brought into your life to possibly save you from despair? What did they say to you?
3. Name at least three ways (or three types of settings) in which God can deliver a divine whisper to you.
4. What is the goal of all divine whispers by which we can judge whether someone's words are from the Lord or not (though they may not feel liberating at the moment)? (John 8:36) Can you give an example of such a whisper?