Title: Four, three letter words...
Text: 2 Samuel 12

Target: The essence of love is found in the character of God put on full display not only in His demonstration of sacrifice, but in the devotion in which His Love always confronts! The mission of God is to confront us ALL in the space where we think we can live without Him.

That space where we feel like we can live without Him is invaded by three simple words... “AND THE LORD”.

I. The Confrontation of Nathan:
2 Samuel 12: 1-4

A. Divine Intervention: “sent” (Vs.1)
   1. Expose His Sin: Psalm 32:3: “When I kept silent…”
   2. Exchange His Sorrow: Psalm 32:5: “You forgave the iniquity of my sin”

B. Direct Illustration: “he came to him and said to him” (Vs. 1)
   1. Connected to His Background: “flocks, herds, ewe lamb” (Vs.2-3)
   2. Connected to His Betrayal: “took the poor man’s lamb” (Vs.4)

II. The Confession of David:
2 Samuel 12:5-13

A. Revealed Vengeance: “David’s anger was greatly kindled” (Vs.5)

B. Rendered a Verdict: “... deserves to die” (Vs.5)

C. Requested Vindication: “restore the lamb fourfold” (Vs.6)

Special Note: The sentiment coming forth from David’s mouth would be the very charges that would incite and indict David as Guilty. The four, three letter words stating “YOU ARE THE MAN” would bring David to a place of conviction.

D. Responded Valiantly:
   1. Public Consequences: “before the sun” (Vs. 12)
   2. Public Confession: “I have sinned against the Lord” (Vs. 13)

III. The Compassion of God:

A. Salvation by Grace: “the Lord has put away your sin” (Vs.13)

B. Scandal of Grace: “you shall not die” (Vs. 13)

C. Strength in Grace: Psalm 51
   1. Cleans Me: “hyssop” (Vs.7)
   2. Creates in Me: “clean heart” (Vs. 10)
   3. Causes Me: “joy of your salvation” (Vs. 12)

Take Away: Choose not to run from His love that confronts, but instead choose to run to His love that chases, and what you will discover is that His love is relentless.