

Good morning! Have you ever missed what God was saying to you? I have been off the mark in the past and made some big mistakes. Most of my mistakes came from using my own practical reasoning and not seeking wisdom from God. Most of us make this mistake and it takes some humility to go back and change our position. This morning, let's read a passage that tells us about two major "Bible heroes" who both got it wrong:

When King David was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all the surrounding enemies, the king summoned Nathan the prophet. "Look," David said, "I am living in a beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of God is out there in a tent!" Nathan replied to the king, "Go ahead and do whatever you have in mind, for the Lord is with you." But that same night the Lord said to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'this is what the Lord has declared: Are you the one to build a house for me to live in? For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name. So Nathan went back to David and told him everything the Lord had said in this vision.

2 Sam. 7:1-5, 12, 17

I can identify with David, can't you? God had been with David, taking him from being a farm hand to being a monarch. David would never have been in line for the throne; his amazing journey from obscurity to power was all God's doing. David was full of gratitude and decided to build a tabernacle for the Lord. Nathan, chief prophet in Israel, thought it was a great idea. But it wasn't God's idea. That night, God told Nathan to go back and tell David the plan was off. I expect that was embarrassing for Nathan, don't you? But a good dose of humility is good for us. Each of us can benefit from God changing our plans. I sometimes think that's part of God's plan for us, too. I'm speaking to someone this morning. You have said or done something to someone and God has brought you some correction. Now you are faced with going to that person and telling them you were wrong about it. I know it will be embarrassing but take your medicine. Be humble and tell the truth. You'll benefit from the humility...and God will like it!