

MESSAGE NOTES



Series: Drop the Rock
Message: When You Want to Throw a Rock
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It is very tempting to throw rocks at others.

⁵“David was furious. “As surely as the Lord lives,” he vowed, “any man who would do such a thing deserves to die...”⁷ Nathan said to David, “You are that man!”

2 Samuel 12:5,7 (NLT)

Wise people listen to God’s clear warning.

¹ “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. ² For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. ³ “And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? ⁴ How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.”

Matthew 7:1–5 (NLT)

Turn the eagerness you have for judging others... on yourself.

¹² “...and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. ¹³ And don’t let us yield to temptation but rescue us from the evil one.”

Matthew 6:12–13 (NLT)

Three habits that can help limit my rock throwing:

1. Assume I have a log in my eye.
(Matthew 7:3)
2. Ask God to show me what it is.
(Psalm 139:23-24)
3. Ask/listen to others for input and feedback.
Psalm 27:5-6)

TAKE HOME SHEET



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In the Old Testament book of 2 Samuel, we read about David's egregious abuse of power. Read chapters 11 and 12 to get the picture. As king, David had great power and influence to do good. He opened himself up to temptation by neglecting some of his duties (2 Samuel 11:1), and this set him up for a big fall. Many knew the details, but no one challenged the king until Nathan took the risk and obeyed God's assignment.

After reading the story and reviewing the message notes, think through these questions:

What kept others who were involved with David from challenging his wrong thinking and actions?

When David got furious about the injustice depicted in the story Nathan tells him (2 Samuel 12:1-6), what do you think fueled his rage?

Have you ever been in a situation where you were judging someone else for something you were guilty of too?

Looking at the three habits suggested in the notes, what is one you will begin implementing today?

