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»You are the man!« Nathan told David.
2 Samuel 12,7 (CEB)

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David has made a tremendous mistake. David, the winner, used to taking what he wants, has now "taken" a woman. She is not owned by but belongs to another man. David wanted Bathsheba – and (maybe) she wanted David. When covetousness overrides intellect and conscience, the result is betrayal, and casualties. In this terrible situation God sends a messenger to King David. He must get to the point, but not directly. And he tells a very emotional story. David sputters about the reported injustice: That's absolutely unacceptable! A man just doesn't do that. – But Nathan says: "You are the man!" And suddenly David sees the beam in front of his eyes. He realizes what he has done. He is the problem, and no one else!
Lucky the person to whom God speaks in this way. If an old, familiar word suddenly becomes vivid, and I feel: It is meant for me, I am being addressed, I must change or I'm receiving a special blessing. When through a word from another person, I can hear God's voice: Then I know, that word is for me!

David can feel sad and regret what he has done. There is no Happy End to that story. It ends in desperation and death. However, it seems later that David has really changed.
Isn't that my yearning, too? I want to be prodded, and become strong to live more and more in God's trail. Yes, I am the man, the woman of God's concern. Therefore, let us not fail to see and hear the messengers sent to us by God!

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I GIVE THANKS

- For this radio mission of our church, and for the support of all those many people who have made it possible for so many years.
- For the fact that innumerable people can be reached by this medium who might otherwise never have chance of hearing about the Christian Gospel.

MY PRAYER IS

- That those who work for radio m will know how to address people's situations in such a way that they feel: This is meant for me.
- That the balance can be maintained between what is common stile in radio and journalism today and the clear and explicit Gospel of God's love.
- That in all our efforts the joy of our faith will become visible and contagious.

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