



# A Broken and Contrite Heart

2 Samuel 12:13; Psalm 51

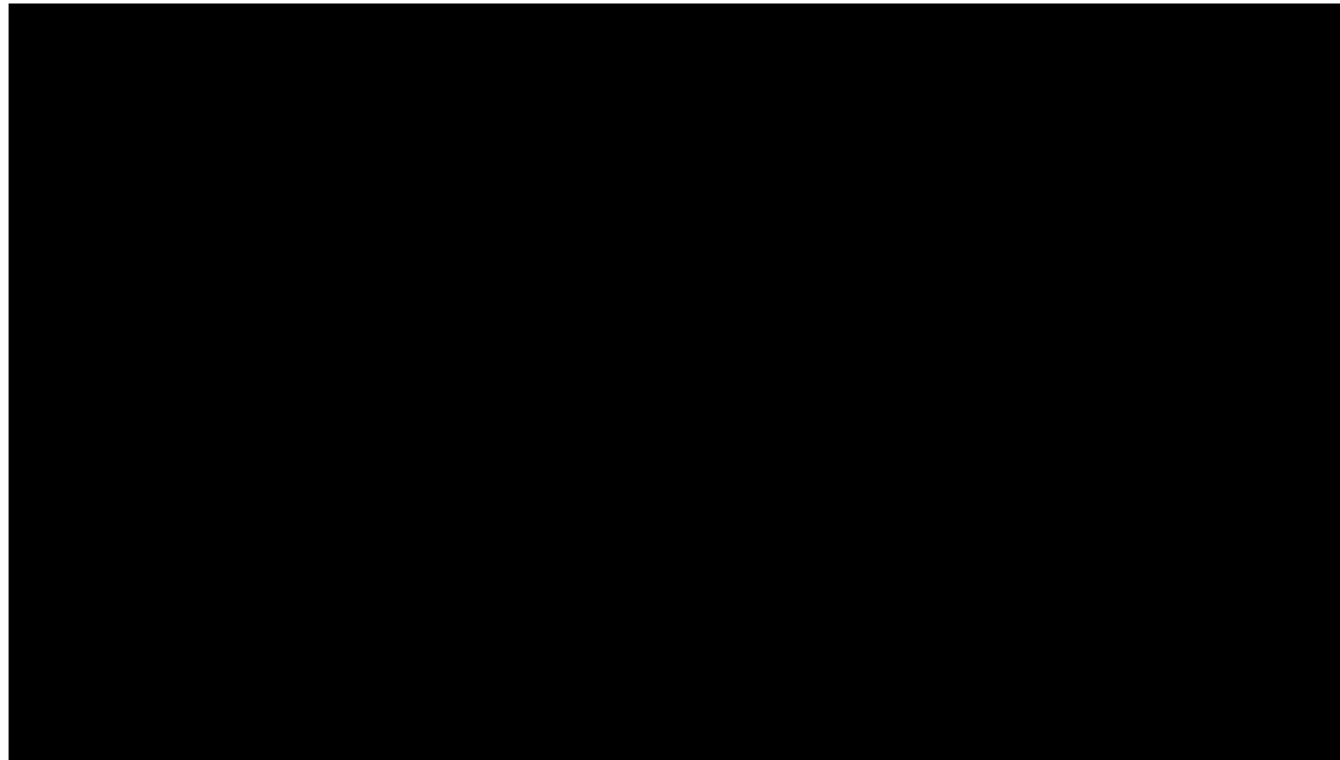
I have found in David the son of Jesse a  
man after my heart, who will do all my will.  
Acts 13:22

- David
- A man after God's heart
- Acts 13:22 (ESV) 22 And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'
- But not perfect.
- After Saul had failed to obey God, God sought out David specifically

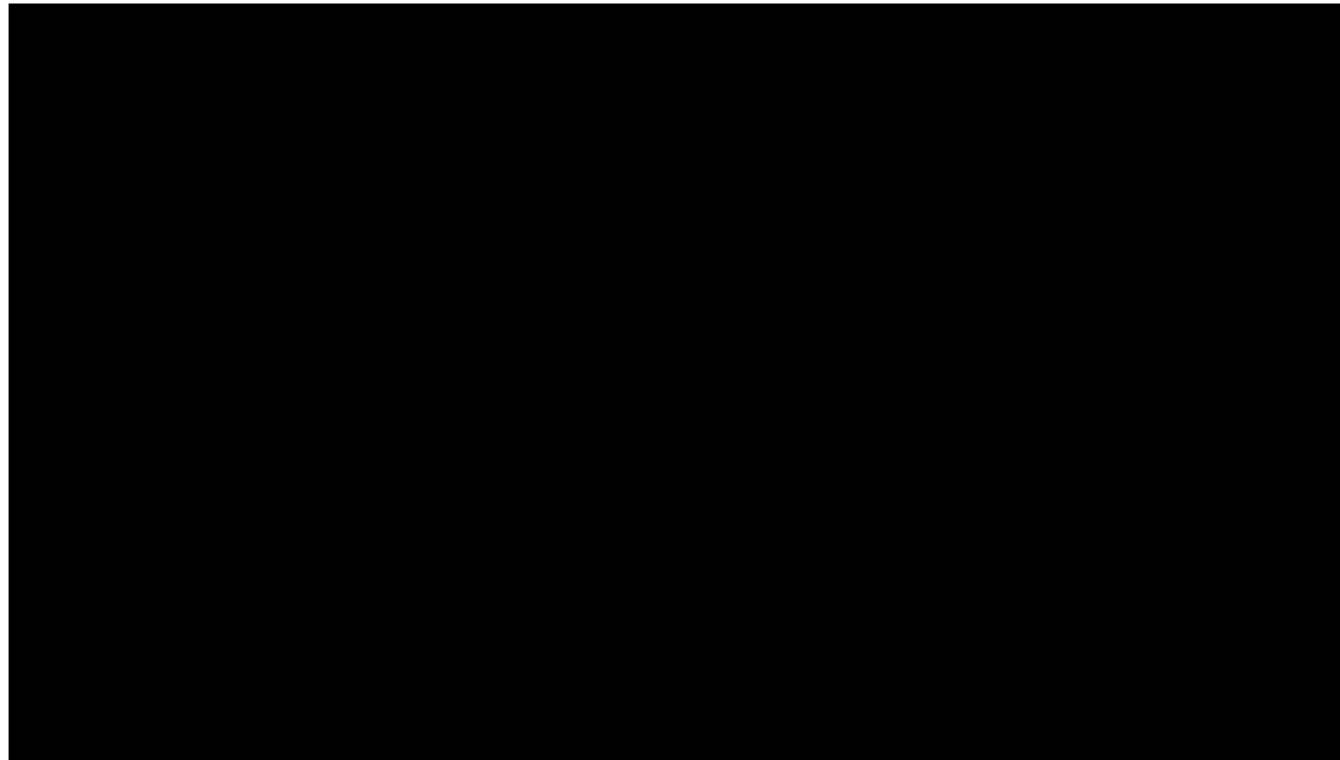
And your house and your kingdom shall  
be made sure forever before me. Your  
throne shall be established forever.

2 Samuel 7:16

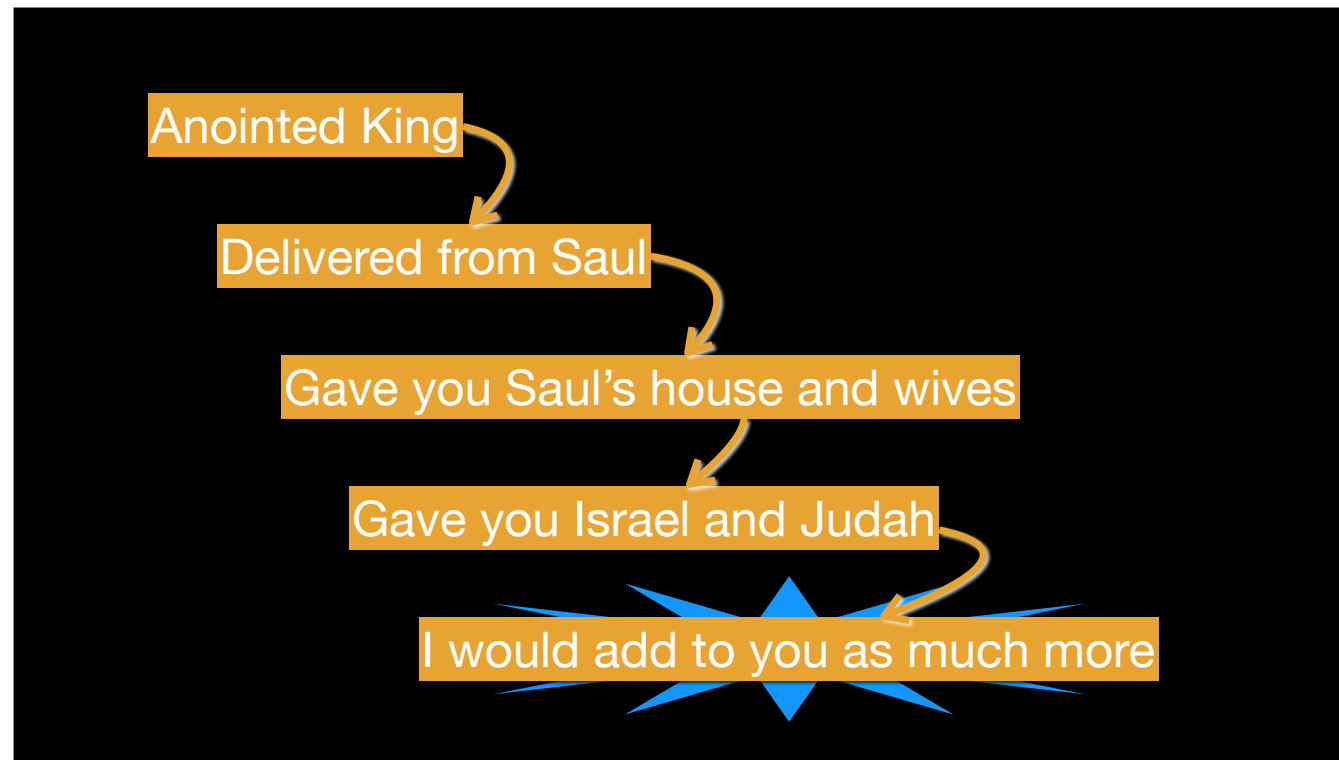
- God made promises to him ... king and kingdom
- 2 Samuel 7:12-17 (ESV) 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, 15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” 17 In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.



- And then David raped Bathsheba, murdered her husband
  - And tried to hide it
  - And faced consequences



- 2 Samuel 12:1-15 (ESV) 1 And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds, 3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. 4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” 5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, 6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”



- 7 Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,
  - ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and
  - I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.
  - 8 And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and
  - gave you the house of Israel and of Judah.
  - And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more.
  - 9 Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ 11 Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.’”

I have sinned against the LORD.  
2 Samuel 12:13

- 13 David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

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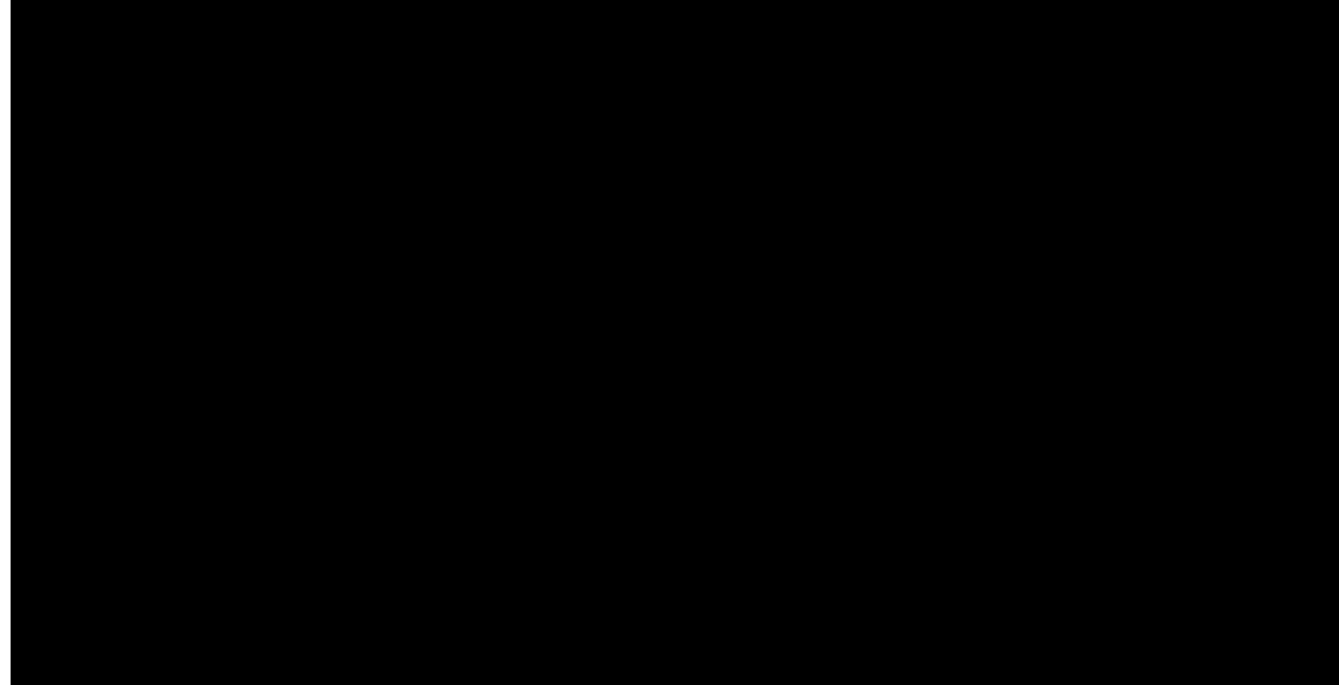
- 13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die." 15 Then Nathan went to his house.



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2 Samuel 12:13

- 13 David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”
- What has happened in these moments to David?
  - It seems very fast in the text.
  - But it’s important to remember that months have probably passed since he’d sinned.
  - Psalm 51 gives insight into David’s struggle at this point

## A Broken Spirit, A Broken and Contrite Heart



- Psalm 51

## A Broken Spirit, A Broken and Contrite Heart

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
Psalms 51:17

- Broken
- Contrite
  - (CWSB Dictionary) A verb meaning to crush, to break in pieces; to crouch. It is most often used figuratively of persons crushed emotionally and spiritually by the wicked (Ps. 10:10; KJV, NASB, NKJV, crouches); of persons weighed down and broken by their guilt before the Lord (Ps. 38:8[9]) or seemingly under His judgment (Ps. 44:19[20]); of bones broken by the Lord's imposition of guilt for sins (Ps. 51:8[10]); of a broken spirit as an acceptable sacrifice to God (Ps. 51:17[19]).
  - (TWOT) The verb appears only in laments and is consistently used of one who is physically and emotionally crushed because of sin or the onslaught of an enemy. In 51:8 [H 10] and probably 38:8 [H 9], the psalmist speaks of his bones being broken because of involvement in sin. Ps 51 refers to David's adultery with Bathsheba and the subsequent conviction of sin that he experienced. In verse 17 [H 19] he notes with some consolation that God does not despise a broken and contrite ("crushed") heart. The same parallel (using נכד) occurs in 34:18 [H 19]. In 74:21 "oppressed" is parallel to "the afflicted" and "needy."

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MY

- Transgressions
- Iniquity
- Sin
- Transgressions
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- Sin
- Sins
- Iniquities

I KNOW

- My
  - transgressions (3X)
  - iniquity (2)
  - sin (3X)
- 4: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight
- 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

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My sin is ever before me

- Psalms 51:3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
  - In what ways was David “aware” of his sin?

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My sin is ever before me

so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.

Psalms 51:4

“You are the man!”

2 Samuel 12:7

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- 2 Samuel 13:7 Nathan said to David, “You are the man!”

## A Broken Spirit, A Broken and Contrite Heart

My sin is ever before me

Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
Psalms 51:8

- sin is ever before me (3)
- justified in your words (4)
- blameless in your judgment (4)
- clean (7) ... implies unclean?
- let me hear joy and gladness (8)
- bones you have broken (8)
- cast me not away from your presence (11)
- take not your Holy Spirit from me (11)
- bloodguiltiness (14)
  - (CWSB Dictionary) Figuratively, it signifies violence and violent individuals

## A Broken Spirit, A Broken and Contrite Heart

My sin is ever before me

Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Psalms 51:11

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## A Broken Spirit, A Broken and Contrite Heart

My sin is ever before me

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God  
Psalms 51:14

- Psalms 51:14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation,
  - bloodguiltiness (14)
    - (CWSB Dictionary) Figuratively, it signifies violence and violent individuals

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“You are the man!”

2 Samuel 12:7

- 2 Samuel 13:7 Nathan said to David, “You are the man!”
- When Nathan confronted David ...
  - He was aware that things were not as they should be
    - sorrow (depression?)
    - pain (physical)
    - absence of God (spiritually weak: prayer, meditation, thoughtfulness)
    - violence
  - Guilt ...
    - broken
    - crushed
- Often we know that things are not as they should be ... feels off, feels wrong
- So while David tried to “hide” the sin from himself and others ... deep down there it was, lurking
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- What does God want me to offer up to him
  - David recognizes that what God wants us not a burned animal
    - Micah 6:6-8 (ESV)
      - 6 “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?
      - Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
      - 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
      - Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
      - 8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you
        - but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
- He wants me ... relationship
  - 6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
  - and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

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O God of My Salvation

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O God of My Salvation

Have **MERCY** on me, O God,  
according to your **STEADFAST LOVE**;  
according to your abundant **MERCY**  
blot out my transgressions.

Psalms 51:1

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- Mercy: Compassion (Pity) and Remedy
- Steadfast Love:

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Blot out  
Wash me  
Cleanse me  
Purge me  
Wash me  
Hide your face  
Blot out  
Deliver me

- 1 Blot out my transgressions
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
• and cleanse me from my sin!
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
• wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins,  
• and blot out all my iniquities.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,

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Blot out  
Wash me  
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Blot out  
Deliver me

Clean  
Whiter than snow  
Joy and Gladness  
Rejoice

- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
- wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
- let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

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O God of My Salvation

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10

- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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O God of My Salvation

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Psalms 51:12

- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things

Acts 3:19-21

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We implore you  
on behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Synopsis: David reminds us that although we've sinned when we turn back to our God with a broken and contrite heart he will show mercy and forgive our sins. Repentance leads to the restoration, so that we can be glorious.

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**“Let all that you do be done with love.”**