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Nathan replied, “Yes, but the Lord has forgiven you, and you won’t die for this sin.”

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His advisers were amazed. “We don’t understand you,” they told him. “While the child was still living, you wept and refused to eat.

2 Samuel 12:21b

**But now that the child is dead, you
have stopped your mourning and
are eating again.”**

2 Samuel 12:22

David replied, “I fasted and wept while the child was alive, for I said, ‘Perhaps the Lord will be gracious to me and let the child live.’”

2 Samuel 12:23

But why should I fast when he is dead? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him one day, but he cannot return to me.”

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It is a collaborative process that compiles all of the evil, bad, terrible, and horrible events of your life in order to transform and repurpose them for God's good and your good.

Through the process of Heavenly Composting, you get to co-labor with God to intentionally transform all of the events of your life that you thought were a total waste, forever lost, unspeakable, unforgiveable, and un-healable; so that they can go from

being a disgusting, smelly, toxic wasteland to becoming good, nutrient-rich fertilizer that will specifically feed and fuel your spiritual growth. That same spiritual fertilizer will help you produce sweet, healthy, beautiful, spiritual fruit in your life.

The Necessary Elements

- **The Word of God (the water)**
- **The Holy Spirit (the air)**
- **Koinonia, confession, repentance, acceptance of consequences, brokenness, worship, etc. (the micro-organisms)**

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- **A safe space to take all of the garbage (the compost bin)**
- **A spiritual guide to help you see the events from God's point of view (turning over the pile)**

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- **A spiritual family that will love you through the smelly process (greens and browns)**
- **Repeat, repeat, repeat**
- **Unknown Amount of Time**

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Principle #1

When scripture says that “all things work together for good” for God’s children, it also includes our worst sins.

Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

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God does not bless sin! God blesses His children who love Him and are called according to His purposes who are going to sin.

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It is not sin itself that works all things together for our good, it is God who chooses relationship over rules, who chooses mercy instead of wrath, who chooses love instead of vengeance for the sake of His children.

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At the end of every rotten, smelly, toxic garbage heap that has been spiritually composted lies an individual that is no longer who they used to be. An individual that is now better than who they were before.

Therein lies an individual who now better understands sonship or daughtership under God. Therein lies someone who has truly tasted of the love, mercy, forgiveness, grace, and kindness of God which has forever changed them.

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