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 - Through others who are bold enough (and close enough to you) to confront you.
 - Through “coincidences.” (only-God-moments)
 - Through circumstances where we get “caught.”

David's Options After Confrontation:

1. He could have “killed the messenger.”
2. He could have denied the accusation.
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In Confrontation, Problems Come When ...

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Isn't it amazing how we can “hate” the behavior of others even though we have acted in the same way?
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This is one of the biggest problems among believers today!
“Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.” - Revelation 2:5
3. We think we are better than others because we “grade” sin. Often we rate sins as “big or small.” By doing this we miss the effects of our sin.
 - If you haven't committed the sins that you see as “big or public,” then be thankful but don't be judgmental.
4. We deny the seriousness or the complexity of our sin.
“I can handle this... It's not really a problem... I don't need any help... I don't need any counseling... I can quit any time... I can work it out on my own...” But we can't handle it and we can't quit. We have a problem. Most psychologists say that denial is the biggest barrier between us and emotional health.” - Rick Warren
5. We blame others for our sin.
“The man said, “The woman you put here with me — she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” - Genesis 3:12
6. We don't accept the consequences of sin and become bitter.
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Holy Communion is a Time of Confrontation!

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