

**2 Samuel 12:13a** <sup>NIV</sup>

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Leader:

*This is the word of the Lord.*

All:

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Exodus 34:6** <sup>NIV</sup>

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming,  
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gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love  
and faithfulness"

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**Numbers 19:19b** <sup>ESV</sup>

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