

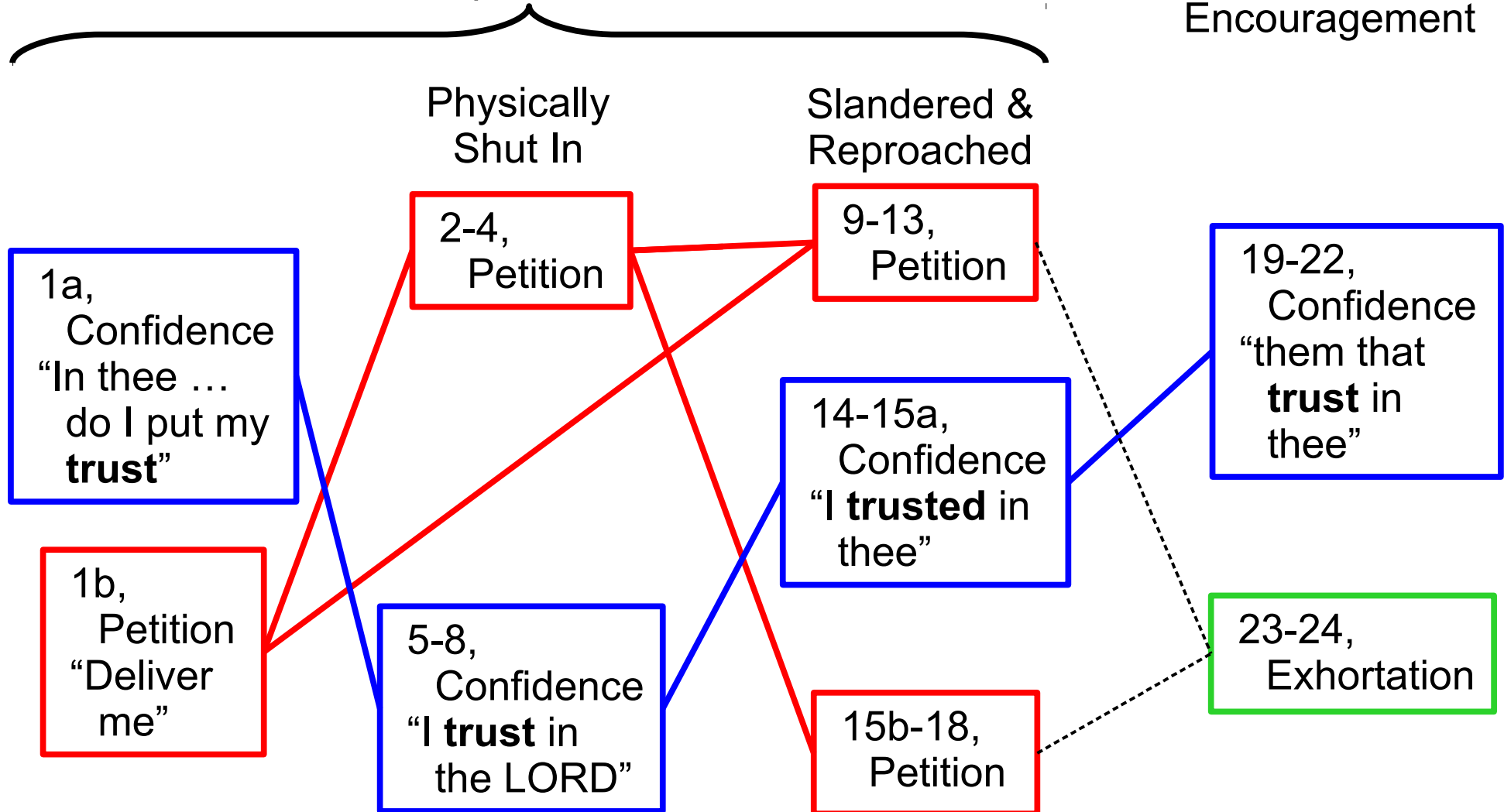
Treasure Hunt

- How does Psalm 31 illustrate the application of Psalm 16:8?
- What other people in the Bible quote Psalm 31, and what can we learn from their example?
- What kind of opposition is David facing in 31:2-4? How about 31:9-18?
- What is unusual about the final request in Psalm 31?
- Where does Psalm 32 fit in 2 Samuel? How about Psalm 51?
- Contrast “Blessed” in 32:1 with the same word in Psalms 1 and 2.
- How did David try to hide his sin, and what was the result?
- Where did he finally hide it?
- Why does David tell other people about his experience in vv. 6-11?
- Why would a “godly man” need to pray for God for forgiveness?

Structure of Psalm 31

Personal Experience

Public Encouragement



Psa 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me:
because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Helpful References on Psalm 31

3 for thy name's sake

Jos 7:9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear *of it*, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

4 Pull me out of the net

2Sa 17:13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there.

5 Into thy hand I commit my spirit

Luk 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, **into thy hands I commend my spirit:** and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

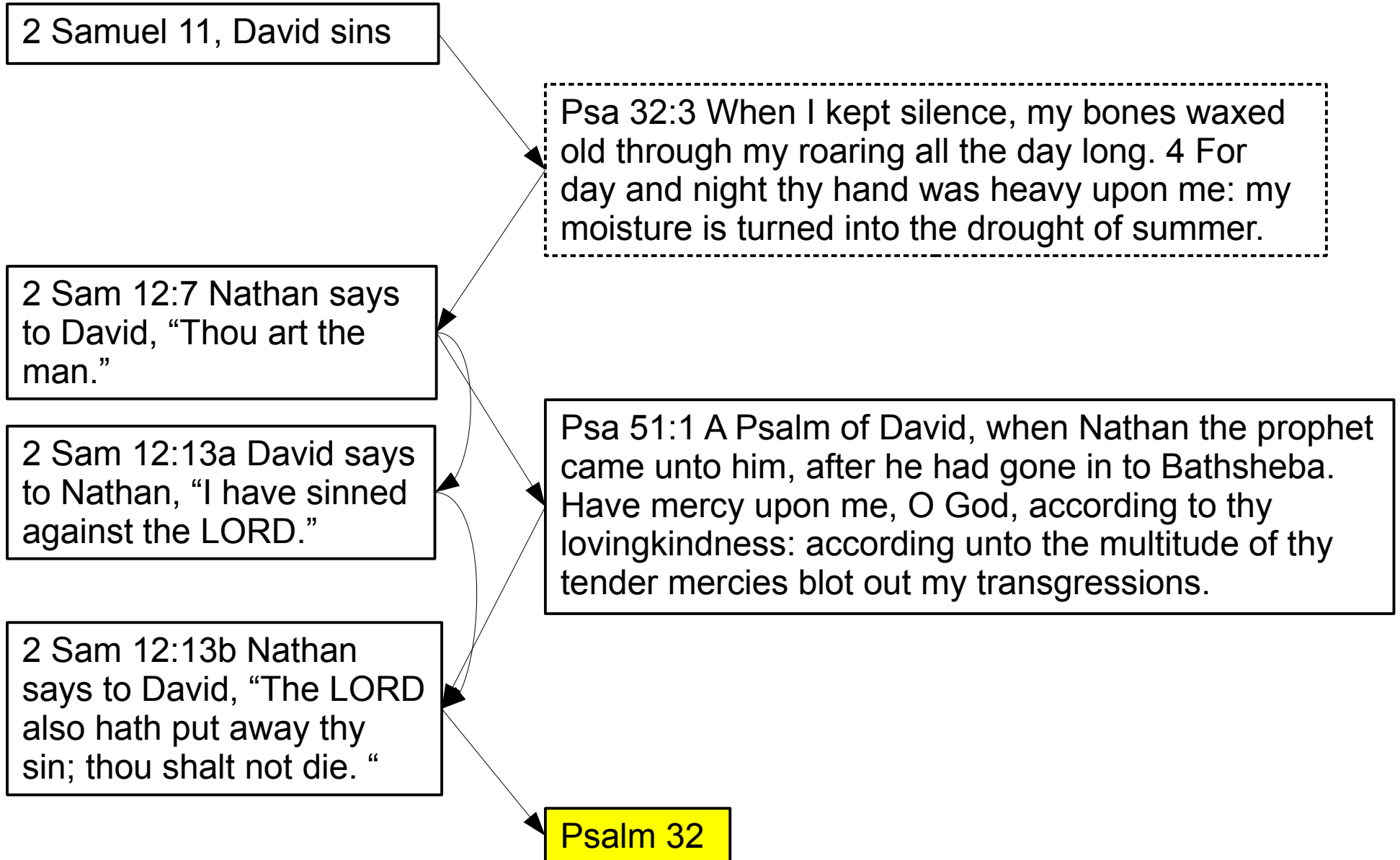
6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

Jon 2:8 They that observe **lying vanities** forsake their own mercy. 9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD.

13 For I have heard the slander of many: fear *was* on every side

Jer 20:10 **For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side.** (cf. 6:25; 20:3; 46:5; 49:29)

Setting of Psalms 32 and 51



Structure of Psalm 32

Psalm 32, Blessedness of the Penitent

1-5, David's Experience

1-2a, The Joy of **Forgiveness** ...
2b, ... and of Honest **Confession**
3-4, **David's Painful Silence**
5a, **David's Confession**
5b, **David's Forgiveness**

David speaks
about God

David
speaks *to*
God

6-11, David's Exhortation

6, The **Prayer** of the **Godly**
7, The Lord **surrounds David**
8-9, Don't be **stubborn**
10, God's **surrounding** mercy
11, The **Praise** of the **Righteous**

David speaks
about God

Helpful References on Psalm 32

1 Blessed *is he* whose transgression *is* forgiven, *whose* sin *is* covered. 2 Blessed *is* the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity.

Psa 1:1 **Blessed** *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psa 2:12 **Blessed** *are* all they that put their trust in him.

David's promise in Psalm 51

Psa 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit. 13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

6 For this shall every one that is **godly** [תִּדְרֹשׁ Strong 2623, from דָּרַשׁ Strong 2617 "covenant love"] pray unto thee...

Lev 26:14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; 15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, *but* that ye **break my covenant**: 16 I also will do this unto you; ... [all manner of terrible things are described.] ... 44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, **neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them**: for I *am* the LORD their God. 45 But **I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors**, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I *am* the LORD.