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Lessons from the Life of David

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Why Study the Life of David?

“He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said. ‘I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will’ From the offspring of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, JESUS.” Acts 13:22-23

1. David is one of the central figures of the Old Testament
2. Ancestor of Jesus, who is often referred to as the Son of David
3. To study the heart of David is to begin to understand the heart of God?
4. We are equipped to study his heart through history of his life and his prayers to God recorded in the scriptures.
5. David's life is presented to us in realistic fashion with all his strengths and failures

Chronology of His Life

1. Historical Setting & Descriptions of his life
2. Young David
3. David on the Run
4. King David
5. David the Ousted King
6. David the Comeback King

Lessons from the Life of David

1. Put a priority on developing his relationship with God and trusting Him
2. Sought out guidance from the Lord on what to do
3. Open to input and counsel of others
4. Respected God ordained authority
5. Revived and developed the spiritual life of his generation and generations to come
6. Broken by his failures, accepted the forgiveness of God and the consequences of his actions.
7. Weak in addressing corrective issues in his family and closest colleagues
8. Successfully passed the baton to the next generation

Lessons from the Life of David - continued

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1. Put a priority on developing his relationship with God and trusting Him

Ziklag – David’s Darkest Moment – I Samuel 30

Psalm 62:1-2 “For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly moved”

Psalm 63:1-4 “O God, thou art my God, I seek thee, my soul thirsts for thee; my flesh faints for thee, as in a dry and weary land where no water is. So I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary, beholding thy power and glory. Because thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise thee. So I will bless thee as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on thy name”

Psalm 23

Psalm 27:1&4 “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.”

David & Goliath - I Samuel 17:32 “David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine, your servant will go and fight him.”

Vs 37 “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Vs 38-39 “Saul dressed David (tunic, armor, helmet, sword)...’I can not go in these.’”

Vs 45 “David said to the Philistine, ‘You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.’”

Vs 48 “David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him”

2. Sought out guidance from the Lord on what to do

Saving Keilah – I Samuel 23:2 “David inquired of the Lord, ‘Shall I go and attack these Philistines?’” vs. 4 and vs. 10

Ziklag – I Samuel 30:8 “David inquired of the Lord, ‘Shall I pursue after this band? Shall I over take them?’”

After the death of Saul and Jonathan – II Samuel 2:1 “After this David inquired of the Lord, “Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?””

The Ark and the Oxcart – I Chronicles 15:13 “Because you did not carry it the first time, the Lord our God broke forth upon us, because we did not care for it in the way that is ordained.”

Saul – I Chronicles 10:13-14 “So Saul died for his unfaithfulness...did not seek guidance from the Lord.”

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3. Open to input and counsel of others, received rebuke and correction

Saving Keilah - I Samuel 23:3-4 *"But David's men said to him, 'Behold, we are afraid here in Judah; how much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines.' Then David inquired of the Lord again..."*

Encounter with Nabal or rather Abigail – I Samuel 25:2-42

I Samuel 23:32-33 *"And David said to Abigail, 'Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! Blessed be your discretion, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodguilt and from avenging myself with my own hand!'"*

Nathan's Confrontation after his sin with Bathsheba – II Samuel 12:7 *"You are the man."* Vs 13 *"David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord'"*

4. Respected God ordained authority

David Spares Saul's Life in the Cave – I Samuel 24:10 *"Lo, this day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you today into my hand in the cave; and some bade me kill you, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not put forth my hand against my lord; for he is the Lord's anointed.'"*

Sparing Saul's life in the camp – I Samuel 26:23-24 *"The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put forth my hand against the Lord's anointed. Behold, as your life was precious this day in my sight, so may my life be precious in the sight of the Lord..."*

5. Revived and developed the spiritual life of his generation and generations to come

The Temple and the Davidic Covenant – II Samuel 7

David: *"Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."*

The word of the LORD through Nathan: *"Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?' "The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:*

When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."

David's Prayer: Who am I?" (that you have brought me this far.) What else can I say? (NIV: "Is this your usual way of dealing with man, O Sovereign Lord?") For you know your servant. (You know who I am.)

II Corinthians 3:16-17 *"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"* Don't you know who you are? If you are in Christ today, You are that temple!! Perhaps it was this thought that touched the heart of God that day. Jesus was very emotional about the temple...after all He would die on the cross to save us. We are that house. Let us be devoted to Christ as his house of prayer. Let us be a holy temple to the Lord.

Appointment of Singers, Musicians, Gatekeepers, Priests and others

Psalms – Many written by David himself

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6. **Broken by his failures, accepted the forgiveness of God and the consequences of his actions.**

The sin with Bathsheba – II Samuel 11

He accepts the death of the child and the consequences for his family

Psalm 51

Blot out my transgression, cleanse me from my sin, create in me a clean heart.

Truth in the inward being; honest, sincerity and to be genuine.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart

The Census – I Chronicles 21:1-8, II Samuel 24:1-10

David ordered Joab to number Israel

Joab tried unsuccessfully to change David's mind

God was displeased and gave David the choice of punishment

David chose to fall into the hand of God, rather than the hand of man – knowing God's mercy is very great.

The Lord relented at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite in Jerusalem

David was instructed by the Lord to build an altar on that threshing floor

David refuses Ornan's gift saying I will not offer burnt offerings which cost me nothing.

David locates the Temple of God at the threshing floor of Ornan

7. **Weak in addressing corrective issues in his family, colleagues and others**

Amnon, Tamar, Absalom – II Samuel 13

After Joab, the commanding general murders Abner - 2 Samuel 3:39 *And today, though I am the anointed king, I am weak, and these sons of Zeruiah are too strong for me. May the LORD repay the evildoer according to his evil deeds!"*

Leaves Solomon to correct all of his unfinished business – I Kings 2:5-9

8. **Successfully passed the baton to the next generation**

Charge to Solomon – I Kings 2:1-4, I Chronicles 22:6-16, 28:19-21

I Chronicles 22:12 *"Only, may the Lord grant you discretion and understanding..."*

Vs.18-19 *"the land is subdued before the Lord and his people. Now set your mind and heart to seek the Lord your God."*

Mighty Men – Hall of Fame – II Samuel 23:8-39, I Chronicles 11:10-47

David had thirty- seven mighty men which he honored.

Josheb-basshe'beth – Chief of the three – Slew 800 men at one time

Eleazar – Hand cleaved to the sword

Shammah – He took his stand when everyone else fled

These three broke through enemy lines at Bethlehem to draw water for David

Abishai – slew 300 men at one time

Benaiah – went down into a pit and slew a lion on a snowy day and more

Uriah the Hitite (Bathsheba's husband)

Joab, the commanding general is noticeably absent from the list.

The Life and Character of David

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THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF DAVID

1. **How is David Described?**

I Samuel 16:7-8, 18 “Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the hearts.” (vs11-12) Youngest, keeping the sheep. Ruddy, beautiful eyes and was handsome. Skilful in playing (he lyre), a man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech and a man of good presence; and the Lord is with him.

I Samuel 18:7 Saul had slain thousands, David ten thousands. The people ascribed to David works, ten times greater than Saul, while Saul was still king.

I Samuel 23:22 Saul said, “He is very Cunning.”

I Samuel 24:16-22 After David spared Saul’s life in the cave at Engedi, Saul said to David, “You are more righteous than I; for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil.” Who lets his enemy go? May the Lord reward you with good. I know you will be king. Spare my descendents.

I Samuel 26:21+25 After David spared Saul’s life on the hill of Hachilah, Saul said to David, “You will do many things and will succeed in them.”

I Samuel 29:3+6 Achish, king of Gath said of David, “I have found no fault in him to this day.”...to David, “As the Lord lives, you have been honest...I have found nothing wrong in you.”

II Samuel 3:36 Everything that the king did pleased all the people.

II Samuel 8:15 David administered justice and equity to all his people.

I Kings 3:14 David walked in God’s ways, keeping His statutes and commandments.

I Kings 9:4 David walked before God with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that God commanded and keeping His statutes and ordinances

2Samuel 7:8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel;

Psalms 78:70 He chose David his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds; 71 from tending the ewes that had young he brought him to be the shepherd of Jacob his people, of Israel his inheritance. 72 With upright heart he tended them, and guided them with skilful hand.

Psalms 89:20 I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

1Kings 15:5 because David did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and did not turn aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

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1 Samuel 13:14 Samuel to King Saul, "The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart; and the Lord has appointed him to be prince over his people,"

Acts 13:22-23 The Apostle Paul to people of the synagogue at Antioch of Pisidia "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.' Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised."

1 Kings 11:4 For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

1 Kings 11:6 So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not wholly follow the LORD, as David his father had done.

1 Kings 11:38 And if you will hearken to all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, I will be with you, and will build you a sure house, as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.

1 Kings 9:4 And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my ordinances,

1 Kings 15:3 And he walked in all the sins which his father did before him; and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

2 Chronicles 34:2 He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father; and he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

1 Samuel 17:28 Now Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption, and the evil of your heart; for you have come down to see the battle."

1 Kings 3:6 And Solomon said, "Thou hast shown great and steadfast love to thy servant David my father, because he walked before thee in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward thee; and thou hast kept for him this great and steadfast love, and hast given him a son to sit on his throne this day.

1 Kings 14:8 and tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you; and yet you have not been like my servant David, who kept my commandments, and followed me with all his heart, doing only that which was right in my eyes,

2 Samuel 7:8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel;

1 Chronicles 28:5 And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons) he has chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

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Life and Character of David

His Background

David's Relations: I Samuel 16:1-13, 17:13, I Chronicles 2:13-17

Father: Jesse Brothers: 1) Eliab, 2) Abinadab, 3) Shammah (Shimea), 4) Nethanel,
5) Raddai, 6) Ozem
David: youngest son of Jesse. (number 7)
Sisters: 1) Zeruah, 2) Abigail
Nephews: Of Zeruah: 1) Abishai, 2) Joab, 3) Asahel
Of Abigail: 1) Amasa
Of Shimea: Johadab, a crafty man - II Samuel 13

Hometown: Bethlehem - I Samuel 16:1

David's physical appearance: Ruddy, beautiful eyes and handsome

David's youth and childhood

His childhood responsibilities, skills and experiences

I Samuel 16:11, 19-23, 17:15, 17-18,

Shepherd, musician (lyre) and armorbearer for the king, errand-boy for his father

David's Family:

Born in Hebron, where he reigned for seven years, six months - II Samuel 3:2-5

Michal, daughter of Saul - I Samuel 18:27, II Samuel 3:13-16

No children to the day of her death - II Samuel 6:23

Abigail, the Carmelitess (widow of Nabal) - I Samuel 25:39-44, II Samuel 2:2

2) Daniel - I Chronicles 3:1

Ahinoam, the Jezreelitess - II Samuel 2:2

1) **Amnon** - I Chronicles 3:1

Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur - I Chronicles 3:2

3) **Absalom**

Daughter: **Tamar** - II Samuel 13:1

Haggith - I Chronicles 3:2

4) **Adonijah**

Abital - I Chronicles 3:3

5) Shephatiah

Eglah - I Chronicles 3:3

6) Ithream

Born in Jerusalem - I Chronicles 3:5-9, 14:3-7; II Sam 5:13-14

Bathsheba (Bathshua), the daughter of Ammiel (wife of Uriah the Hittite)

Sons: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan and **Solomon**

Others sons: Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet, Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet; (besides the sons of the concubines)

David's rule: II Samuel 5:4-5

He was 30 yrs old, Reigned 40yrs (7.5 yrs at Hebron, 33yrs at Jerusalem)

Key Characters in David's life and kingdom - I Chronicles

The Character of David

Key Events In His Life

I. YOUNG DAVID

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| A. Samuel anoints David | I Sam 16:1-13 |
| B. David serves Saul as harp player | 16:14-23 |
| C. David and Goliath | 17 |
| D. Saul becomes jealous of David | 18 |
| E. Saul tries to kill David | 19 |
| Psalm 59 When Saul had sent men to watch David's house in order to kill. | |
| F. Jonathan warns David of Saul's anger | 20 |

II. DAVID ON THE RUN

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| A. David flees to Nob to Ahimelech the priest | 21:1-9 |
| B. David flees to Gath | |
| Psalm 34 When he feigned insanity before Abimelech who drove him away and he left. | |
| Psalm 56 When the Philistines seized him in Gath | |
| C. David escapes to the cave of Adullan | 22:1-2 |
| Psalm 142 A prayer when he was in the cave | |
| D. David in Moab | 22:3-5 |
| E. Saul kills the priests of Nob | 22:6-23 |
| Psalm 52 When Doeg the Edomite had gone to Saul and told him "David has gone to the house of Ahimelech" | |
| F. David save Keilah from the Philistines | 23:1-6 |
| G. Saul pursues David in the desert | 23:7-29 |
| Psalm 63 When David was in the desert of Judah | |
| Psalm 54 When the Ziphites had gone to Saul and said "Is not David hiding among us" | |
| H. David spares Saul's life in the cave | 24 |
| Psalm 57 When he fled from Saul into the cave | |
| I. David encounters Nabal "The Fool" and Abigail | 25 |
| J. David again spares Saul's life in the camp | 26 |
| K. David finds refuge among the Philistines (I Chron 12:1-22) | 27 |
| L. Philistines gather against Saul and he consults mediums and spirits | 28 |
| M. Philistines do not allow David to fight with them against Saul | 29 |
| N. David destroys the Amalekites after they had raided his refuge in Philistia (I Chron 12:21) | 30 |
| O. Saul takes his life, Jonathan dies (I Chron 10:1-14) | 31 |
| P. David hears of Saul's death | II Sam 1:1-16 |
| Q. David mourns for Saul and Jonathan | 1:17-27 |

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Key Events In His Life

III. King David

A. David becomes King of Judah		II Sam 2:1-7
B. War between houses of Saul and David		2:8-32
C. David has children		3:1-5
D. Abner goes over to David		3:6-21
E. Joab murders Abner		3:22-39
F. Ish-Bosheth, King of Israel murdered		4
G. David becomes King over Israel	(I Chron 11:1-3)	5:1-5
Over 340,000 Israelite armed men gather around David	(I Chron 12:23-40)	
H. David conquers Jerusalem	(I Chron 11:4-9)	5:6-16
David builds a home and has more children	(I Chron 14:1-7)	
I. David overcomes a Philistine attack	(I Chron 14:8-17)	5:17-25
J. David brings the Ark to Jerusalem	(I Chron 13:1-14)	6
Details on the preparations & celebration for the Ark	(I Chron 15-16)	
Psalm 105:1-15	These Psalms are expansions of that initially	
Psalm 96:1-13	written by David for thanksgiving to be sung	
Psalm 106:1,47-48	to the Lord by Asaph and his brethren	
K. David wishes to build God's Temple & God's promise to David		7:1-17
	(I Chron 17:1-15)	
L. David's prayer	(I Chron 17:16-27)	7:18-29
M. David defeats the Philistines, Moab, Zobah, the Arameans, Edom, Ammon and Amalek	(I Chron 18)	8:1-14
Psalm 60	When David fought Aram Naharaim and Aram Zaboah and when Joab returned and struck down 12,000 Edomites in the vally of salt	
N. David's cabinet		8:15-18
O. David shows kindness to Mephibosheth		9
P. David defeats the Ammonites and the Arameans	(I Chron 19)	10
Q. David takes Bathsheba and sends her husband to his death		11
R. Nathan, the priest, rebukes David		12:1-14
S. David repents		12:15-25
Psalm 51	When the prophet, Nathan, came to David after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba	
T. David defeats the Ammonites	(I Chron 20:1-3)	12:26-31
U. David's family affected by incest: Amnon & Tamar		13:1-22
V. Absalom kills Amnon		13:23-33
W. Absalom flees		13:34-39
X. Joab brings Absalom back		14:1-24
Y. Absalom reconciled to David		14:25-33

IV. David the Ousted King

A. Absalom's conspiracy		15:1-12
B. David flees from Absalom		15:13-37
Psalm 3	When David fled from his son Absalom	
C. Ziba's deception		16:1-4
D. Shimei's cursing		16:5-14
E. David's spies in Absalom's house		16:15-17:29
F. Joab kills Absalom contrary to David's orders		18:1-18
G. David mourns Absalom's death		18:19-19:8

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Key Events In His Life

V. David the Comeback King

A.	David returns to Jerusalem		II Sam	19:9-43
B.	The Sheba rebellion			20:1-25
C.	The Gibeonites avenged			21:1-14
D.	Wars against the Philistines	(I Chron 20:4-8)		21:15-22
E.	David's song of praise to God			22
	Psalm 18 When the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul			
F.	David's last words			23:1-7
G.	David's Hall of Fame: His Mighty Men	(I Chron 11:10-47)		23:8-39
H.	David counts the fighting men	(I Chron 21:1-8)		24:1-10
I.	Israel becomes plagued because of David's sin	(I Chron 21:9-17)		24:11-17
J.	David's altar	(I Chron 21:18-22:1)		24:18-25
K.	Adonijah sets himself up as King		I Kings	1:1-27
L.	David makes Solomon King	(I Chron 23:1, 29:22-25)		1:28-53
	David gathers material for the Temple	(I Chron 22:2-5)		
M.	David's charge to Solomon	(I Chron 22:6-16)		2:1-9
	David's charge to Israel's leaders	(I Chron 22:17-19)		
	David makes arrangements for the Temple Services (Division of Priest, Musicians, Gatekeepers, Treasury Officers, Judges)	(I Chron 23-26)		
	Appointment of military and civil officials	(I Chron 27)		
	David's describes his desire for the Temple	(I Chron 28:1-8)		
	David's charge to Solomon & plans for the Temple	(I Chron 28:9-21)		
	David's charge to the people and their response	(I Chron 29:1-9)		
	David prays publicly and leads worship	(I Chron 29:10-22)		
N.	David dies after a forty year reign	(I Chron 29:26-28)		2:10-11
	Record of the acts of King David	(I Chron 29:29-30)		

Chronology of David's Life

Time	Event	Basis
0	Born	
	Childhood: Shepherd boy, anointed king, chores, plays lyre for king Saul	
	Kills Goliath, becomes general, marries Michal	
	Pursued by Saul	
Age 30 6 years, 6 months	Reigns as King of Judah, at Hebron 30yrs old	II Samuel 5:4-5
	Has children in Hebron including: Amnon, Chileab, Absalom, Adonijah, Shephatiah and Ithream	II Samuel 3:2-5
age 37 33 years	Reigns as King of all Israel	II Samuel 5:4-5
5 to 10 years	Jerusalem was conquered, then David built his house, then brought the ark to Jerusalem, waged war against the Philistines, Moab, Zobah and the Edomites. He was waging war against the Ammonites when he sinned with Bathsheba.. This means it is likely that he was king 5 to 10 years before he sinned with Bathsheba. .	
	David intends to build Temple, God prevents him and gives him a promise. His son, Solomon, would build it.	I Samuel 22:9, 2Sa 7:12 1, Ch 17:11,
Probably between the age 42 to 47	Sins with Bathsheba	
yr(s) later 44-49	Solomon Born (Solomon must be born no less than 18 to 20 months after David's sin with Bathsheba because the first baby dies) (Yet Solomon is old enough to have a son by the time David is at the age of 69)	II Sam 11:26-27, 12:18,24-25

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Probably age 45 to 50	Amnon rapes Tamar (Amnon and Tamar must be older than 13 years old by now. If David was 45, this would make Amnon, Absalom and Tamar no older than 15, which is possible but unlikely. If David was 50, they would be no older than 20, which is certainly possible, more likely they were 13 to 18 years old)	II Sam 12:10,
2 yrs later age 47 to 52	Absalom kills Amnon	II Samuel 13:23
3 years age 50 to 55	Absalom exiled in Geshur	II Samuel 13:38
2 years age 52 to 57	Absalom lives in Jerusalem in isolation from David	II Samuel 14:28
4years age 56 to 61	Absalom usurps the kingdom of David, David flees Jerusalem (Age 66 seems awfully old to be on the run like that.)	II Samuel 15:7
Let's say one year	Absalom killed by Joab, David restored to power	
3years Age 57-60 or 62-65	Famine in Israel because of the blood guilt of Saul in slaying the Gibeonites.	II Samuel 21:1
at least 10 months probable like 5 yrs	There were two wars with the Philistines after this before the end of David's reign, then David rested and thanked God when he was delivered from his enemies, Then he conducted a census that lasted almost 10 months, then the plague. Finally David's preparations for transition of power to Solomon and for the Temple.	II Samuel 24:8 (At this point I subtracted 5 years from the upper end of the distribution from each entry)
Age 69 1 yr before David dies	Solomon has a son: Rehoboam. (Solomon must be older than 13 years old in order to have a son) (probably 21 to 26 see below)	1Ki 14:21

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Age 70	<p>David Dies, Solomon becomes king David calls Solomon "young and inexperienced."</p> <p>Solomon can't be older than 30 years old because of David's 6.5 year reign in Hebron and the two years after the sin with Bathsheba. In addition, the sin with Bathsheba probably didn't happen as soon as he became King in Jerusalem since Jerusalem needed to be conquered first, then built his house, then brought the ark to Jerusalem, waged war against the Philistines, Moab, Zobah and the Edomites. He was waging war against the Ammonites when he sinned with Bathsheba.. This means it is likely that he was king 5 to 15 years before he sinned with Bathsheba. This would make Solomon 21 to 26 when he became King.</p>	<p>I King 2:10-12</p> <p>I Chron 22:5, 29:1</p>
4 th yr of reign	Solomon began to build the Temple, (480 yrs after Exodus)	I Kings 6:1
11 th yr of reign	Finished building the Temple. It took 7 years to build the Temple	I Kings 6:37-38
24 th yr of reign	<p>Finished building his palace. It took 13 years to build the Temple</p> <p>It took twenty years total for Solomon to build the Temple and then his own house</p>	<p>I Kings 7:1</p> <p>I Kings 9:10</p>
40yrs	Solomon reigned 40 years in Jerusalem.	1Ki 11:42 2Ch 9:30
41 yrs old	Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king,	1Ki 14:21

Acts 13:16 And Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand, he said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen:
 17 "The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He led them out from it. 18 "And for a period of about forty years He put up with them in the wilderness. 19 "And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land as an inheritance--all of which took about four hundred and fifty years. 20 "And after these things He gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. 21 "And then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. 22 "And after He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.' 23 "From the offspring of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,

DAVID - One Man in a Thousand

Born to a family of modest means, the youngest of seven brothers, He spent his boyhood years tending the family sheep. Yet this man would grow to become the one man in a thousand who would make the difference on a number of occasions and would be referred to by God Himself as a man who had a heart after God's own heart

You know the story of David and Goliath: David was one man in a thousand or more who had the moral courage and living faith to stand up to the giant. God was glorified that day because David dared to believe in His God.

As a result of that victory and many others, the King of Israel became passionately jealous of David and began to seek his life. David, even though he had already been anointed as the new King, waited patiently upon God's timing, while he evaded Saul's pursuit.

On one occasion, during his time as a fugitive, he received word that the Philistines were attacking one of the cities of Judah. When most men in David's shoes would have concluded that they were in no position to help. David was willing to ask God whether he should do something about it. When God said to go, David's men objected. So David went back to God to confirm it. When God confirmed it, David led his men against the Philistines and saved the city. David was willing to trust the Lord more than relying on his own insight and understanding. No one else who was with David that day was willing to entertain the idea that God might use them this way, but David proved again that he was one man in a thousand who made the difference.

On two other occasions, David had the opportunity to kill the King of Israel. One of these occasions, David and his men were hiding in the back of a cave, when the King who was pursuing David, came into the cave to rest. At the urging of his men, David approached the King, but seized with conscience and conviction David could not and would not lift his hand against the Lord's anointed", the current King. David merely cut off a small portion of his coat. Later when the King left the cave, arose after him and went out of the cave. I can imagine what his men were thinking "No, David don't go out there like that!" David called out to the King, holding up to piece of cloth, proving to the King that he meant him no harm and shaming the King into repentance. The King and his three thousand men terminated the pursuit of David that day, only to pick up the pursuit on another day when their consciences weren't so tender. But David, acting upon his conscience and conviction, was willing to boldly confront his pursuer. Standing on the truth, he turned away an army of three thousand with a piece of cloth sparing the bloodshed of many and proving again that he was one man in more than a thousand who would make the difference.

Finally, after twice sparing the life of the King, David realized that he should leave the land of Israel. He found refuge in the land of the Philistines, of all places, and earned the trust of the King of the Philistines. David was so trusted that the King of the Philistines made him his personal bodyguard. And so he was on the day that the Philistines gathered together for war against the King of Israel and his army. However, the Lords of the Philistines objected to David's presence and convinced the King of the Philistines to release him and have him return to his refuge, thinking that during the heat of battle David's loyalty to Israel would turn him against the Philistines. So David and his men returned to their refuge city.

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After traveling for three days, David and his men arrive at Ziklag. What they see is a desolate town filled with the burnt and smoldering remains of buildings. An eerie quiet greets their ears where they expect the noises of children playing and babies crying. After expecting a loving and excited reception, what greets them is the crackling of smoldering embers. There are no dead bodies. Feelings of indignation and violation mix with shock, anger and grief. Finally, as the reality of the situation sinks in, the magnitude of their loss leaves them weeping with despair and helplessness. They wept and wept until they had no more strength to weep. Perhaps at this time, they began to mull over the series of losses they have sustained since they joined David and recall how much they miss their homes and their families. Perhaps they began to remember the times when David failed to seize power from Saul when he clearly had the chance. Their grief then turned to bitterness of soul as they began to speak against David and gather support for stoning him.

At this point, most men would have come to their end; but not David. The bible says that David strengthened himself in the Lord his God. He inquired of the Lord, led his men in victory against the Amalekites, brought back everything that was taken (not one thing was missing) and only three days later learned that the King of Israel had been killed or rather killed himself during the battle with the Philistines. Soon God would place him on the throne. But only a few days earlier, David stood in his darkest, loneliest moment of crisis. At that point, it was only David and God. However, in the moment of crisis, it was David's relationship with God that made the difference. In the battle with the Philistines, when the King of Israel was faced with death, he killed himself.

So what made David different? What was it that allowed him to act with such faith and conviction in the day of decision and crisis? We have only to look at the Psalms of David to find out. Here are some excerpts:

Psalm 62:1-2 "For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly moved" You see when he left that cave, he was still in his fortress!!

Psalm 63:1-4 "O God, thou art my God, I seek thee, my soul thirsts for thee; my flesh faints for thee, as in a dry and weary land where no water is. So I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary, beholding thy power and glory. Because thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise thee. So I will bless thee as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on thy name"

Psalm 23

Psalm 27:1&4 "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple."

So what was it that caused David to make the difference on the day of calamity? It was the deep abiding relationship he had established with God during those days and days of calm when he could have been doing a hundred other things.

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Joshua Chamberlain's in a speech at Gettysburg on the Dedication of the 20th Maine Monument at Little Round Top, in speaking of moment of crisis and the day of calamity said: "No man becomes suddenly different from his habit and cherished thought. We carry our accustomed manners with us. And it was the boyhood you brought from your homes, which made you men. (It was the force of character you had formed in the silent peaceful years by the mother's knee and by the father's side, which stood you in such stead in the day of trial.)" And so it was for the men from Maine that day on Little Round Top in the Battle of Gettysburg and so it was for David during his darkest, loneliest moment.

And this is the one lesson to take away from this devotional:

God has given us long times of relative calm in our lives interspersed with some crises. It is what we do during the long times of calm that prepare us for the day of calamity. We can fill up our days with busyness and the pursuit of our purposes, pleasures and plans or we can reserve some of that time to seek the Lord in His sanctuary, beholding His beauty and building a deep and abiding relationship with Him. But it is that faith, conviction and relationship with God that will make us the one person in a thousand who will make the difference on that day of decision or crisis. May we regularly sit at the feet of Jesus and may that be the "one thing" we make sure we do.

A Prelude to Psalm 51

Late one afternoon, in the spring of the year, when the rest of the able-bodied men of Israel were engaged in mortal combat, sacrificing their lives for the safety and security of their country, David arose from his nap in the palace, and went for a walk on the roof. Something was different about him now. He was not doing what he should have been doing. Rather, he was about to do something he would regret for the rest of his life.

- While he was up on the roof, he saw a woman bathing and she was beautiful.
- Ignoring what he knew to be plainly true, that God had forbid adultery in the Seventh Commandment, he sent for and had a secret affair with her.
- Fortunately for David only his closest servant had any idea. All was secretly hidden, no harm done.
- Until a little while later came word that Bathsheba was pregnant.
- Now the battle was engaged between the forces of darkness and the forces of light. Would David come clean, repent and confess and beg forgiveness from Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, or would he attempt to cover up his sin. Would he choose the path of light that leads to life or the path of darkness that leads to death.
- Unfortunately, David chose the path of darkness and attempted a coverup that eventually led to death, and that not his own.
- After calling Uriah back from the battle, he attempted to get him to go home and sleep with his wife. But good old Uriah was too honorable to allow himself to enjoy the pleasures of sex while his fellow soldiers were risking their lives for their country. So David sent him off, back to the battle with orders for the general to place him in the heaviest fighting and then have everyone but Uriah step back so that he would be killed. Little did Uriah know that he was carrying his own death warrant.
- This made every thing nice again. Uriah never knew anything. Sure, the general might have wondered when he got back from war and saw David married to Bathsheba. But it wasn't really adultery, because Uriah was killed in action...the order of things just got a little mixed up. David didn't kill him, at least not directly. Doesn't a king have the right to send men to war and what if some of them got killed.
- And so it was that two great evils, adultery and murder, were quietly committed by King David and would have remained hidden until the judgement day, if it wasn't for the faithfulness and grace of God toward David.
- You see there was a prophet named Nathan and God sent him to David and he told David a story.
- Two men in a certain city. One rich, the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds. The poor man had one little ewe lamb. He brought it up with him and his children, it used to eat from his hand and sleep on his bed.
- A visitor came to the rich man and he was unwilling to take one his own flock or herd to feed the visitor, so he took the poor man's lamb.
- At this David said, "this man deserves to die".
- Without missing a beat, Nathan said to David, "You are the man!" Then Nathan rebuked David for the great evil he had committed.
- David, having been condemned out of his own mouth, confessed his sin without hesitation.
- Psalm 51, is the recorded prayer that David made to God following his rebuke and confession.
- So what does a person say to God after having committed such a sin? How do you deal with the magnitude of this kind of guilt?
- Let's explore Psalm 51 and see what we can learn about repentance, redemption and forgiveness.

The DAVIDIC COVENANT

God's Covenant to David: a House and a King

I. Brief Background of David that led up to God giving the covenant.

- A. David was a man who had a heart after God's own heart Acts 13:22-23
Start with Saul – First King - Rejected because of his disobedience and Godlessness
The Lord has sought out a man after God's own heart.
Samuel -> Jesse who had 8 sons. Anoint one as king. 7 older sons, **David in the field.**
David played music for Saul, became his armor bearer
Goliath – Saul 1000's, David 10,000's – Saul's Jealous rage
David on the run for years – Several of the Psalms were written during this time.
Saul/Jonathan killed in battle
David becomes King.
Throughout this time, whenever David is in a predicament he calls upon God. As opposed to Saul who turns to everyone and everything besides God
- B. David restored and provided for the worship of God: Ark, Singers, Psalms etc.
- C. David wanted to build a "house" (temple) for God
1 After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." 3 Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

II. Davidic Covenant 2 Samuel 7:1-16

- A. Preamble - "Would you build me a house...?" Something about what David intended to do touched the heart of God.

4 That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: 5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?'

1. Tabernacle – Mobile 6 I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling.

2. Never asked for a house. 7 Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'

3. Took you from following the sheep and made you King 8 "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. 9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you.

- B. I will make for you a great name *Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth.*

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C. I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will give them rest *10 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ^[a] 11 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders ^[a] over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.*

D. Moreover: the Lord will make you a house! "*The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:*

E. Offspring: I will establish his kingdom *12 When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom.*

1. He will build a house for my name *13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name*

2. I will establish THE THRONE of his kingdom forever. *and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.* This means that the rule of his kingdom will endure forever.

3. Father/Son relationship *14 I will be his father, and he will be my son.*

4. Punishment for iniquity *When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men.* A vague reference to payment of sins penalty.

5. Never failing love *15 But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.*

6. House and Kingdom will endure for ever *16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me*

7. Repeated: Your THRONE will be established for ever. *your throne will be established forever.' "*

III. David's Response:

A. "Who am I?" that you have brought me this far

B. What else can I say? (NIV: "Is this your usual way of dealing with man, O Sovereign Lord?") For you know your servant. (You know who I am)

C. "How great you are, O Sovereign Lord!"

D. Keep forever the promise you have made

E. Bless the house of Your servant forever in your sight.

IV. Lessons

A. The Davidic Covenant (like the Abrahamic Covenant) is

1. An unconditional covenant: It is what God is going to do, not dependent upon man.

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2. The Davidic Covenant is about a King and that King is Jesus.

Isaiah 9:6-7 *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders, An he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this."*

Revelations 19:16 Jesus is referred to as the *"King of kings and the Lord of lords"* He is my king and wants to be yours as well. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. His Throne will endure forever.

When Jesus came to earth, He said the kingdom of God is in your midst. The kingdom of God exist here on earth in the heart of everyone that claim Him as King.

3. The Davidic Covenant is a covenant for all of us.

Luke 2:10-11 *"Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord".* This is a covenant for you and for me.

The good news of great joy appeared to the shepherds who may have been in the same fields where David had been when Samuel first came to Jesse to anoint him king. The symbolism is unmistakable.

B. What was it about David's desire to build a house for God that touched God's heart so?

1. David wanted to build a house for God? What kind of house was David thinking of? A temple.

2. God would build David a house. What kind of house was God talking about? People of God.

3. What was it about building a temple that touched the heart of God that day?

II Corinthians 3:16-17 *"Do you not that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"* Don't you know who you are? If you are in Christ today, You are that temple!! Perhaps it was this thought that touched the heart of God that day. Jesus was very emotional about the temple...after all He would die on the cross to save us. We are that house. Let us be devoted to Christ as his house of prayer. Let us be a holy temple to the Lord.

I Peter 2:4-10 *As you come to him, the living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in scripture is says: See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame. Now to you who believe, this stone is precious, But to those who do not believe, the stone the builders rejected has become the capstone, But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy*