



# Q&A

*Life Group Resources*





# David

The books of 1 and 2 Samuel follow the biography of David, Israel's greatest king. A king who began his life as an obscure shepherd boy but became a warrior who brought rival nations to their knees. A king described as "a man after God's own heart", writing worship songs that have been sung throughout the centuries. A king whose personal sins devastated not only his own family, but God's chosen nation. In triumph and in tragedy, this earthly king points forward to a greater king to come.

As we read of the courageous victories of King David, we hope you will be filled with hope and faith in the victory King Jesus has won for us. As we reflect on the heart of a worshipper and leader, we pray you will glean godly wisdom from David's life and respond in worship of the King of all Kings.

## **Discovery Bible Method**

The Discovery Bible Method is a tool that helps new believers and long-time Christians alike to ask the Holy Spirit to speak through God's Word. We all know that repetition builds a habit, and habit builds our character. As we use this simple method through this series, our prayer is that it would deepen our love of God's Word and sharpen our ability to understand more of what the Holy Spirit is speaking to us through it.

# Unlikely Leader

1 Samuel 16:1-13 and Psalm 23

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

1 SAMUEL 16:7

David wasn't the first pick in his family. He wasn't recognised as the smart one, the strong one or the successful one in his own family. He was the runt of the litter and a humble shepherd, but God does not look at outward appearances or judge by human standards. He looks at the heart and calls the unlikely to lead and advance His Kingdom. He sent Samuel to call a humble shepherd boy, overlooked by his family to lead His chosen people into a new season.

Some of us have felt the pain of being overlooked by our family, friends or colleagues. Others of us judge ourselves by a set of human standards that disqualifies or diminishes our usefulness to God, that God Himself never applies. If you have a heart for God and a hunger to serve Him, God has a purpose for you. He will anoint you with His Spirit to lead in your sphere of influence as you surrender to Him and be led by Him.

*So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.*

1 SAMUEL 16:13

*You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

PSALM 23:5

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# Courageous Warrior

1 Samuel 17 and Psalm 108

Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.” On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

1 SAMUEL 17:10-11

Everyone, except David, was discouraged by and terrified of an arrogant and abusive giant coming against them. Their faith was shaken, and they were paralysed by fear. David, however, was full of faith in the Lord Almighty, which gave him the courage to face the giant, fight the giant and ultimately to defeat the giant. We all face some giants that shout at us, shake our faith and paralyse us with fear. We don’t find courage to face our giant by asking, “what am I capable of” but “what is God capable of and what is He saying in this situation?”

We are not modern-day David’s with a new sling and a stone in our hands ready to fight. Jesus is the true David. He knocked out the giants of sin and death through the foolishness of the Cross, which is the power to save us. Because of His victory, we can live with undaunted confidence and audacious courage when facing every challenge, big or small. Jesus’ victory doesn’t mean we will never face any obstacles or never have to endure suffering. It does mean that in suffering, in loss, in death, and in pain, God promises to overrule them all with His resurrection power and for His glory. Let’s look to the Lord and be filled with courage to face, fight and defeat the giants and not be paralysed by fear.

*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. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands.*

1 SAMUEL 17:45-46

*Give us aid against the enemy, for human help is worthless. With God we will gain the victory, and he will trample down our enemies.*

PSALM 108:12-13

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# Wild Worshipper

## 2 Samuel 6 and Psalm 95

So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

### 2 SAMUEL 6:12-15

As David brings the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem, he worships God every step of the way. Every six steps he made a sacrifice in reverence of the holiness of God. He danced for joy before the Lord with every step and with all his might. As they all walked the ark of God back to Jerusalem, the people sang and shouted and played instruments in praise of the One who saved them, according to His covenant of love with them.

Under a new covenant in Christ, we are invited to walk and worship in the presence of God today: In reverence of His holiness; in the joy of our covenant relationship with Him and in thanksgiving and praise of our salvation. We 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” (1 Peter 2:9).

David was described by God as, “A man after Gods own heart, who will do all my will” (Acts 13:22) and he was a prolific writer of worship songs. Psalm 95 identifies many ways we are invited to worship God with all of our heart and receive new strength and desire to do all His will.

*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.*

### PSALM 95:1-7

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# Broken Sinner

2 Samuel 11-12:14 and Psalm 51

You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.” Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan replied, “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the Lord, the son born to you will die.”

2 SAMUEL 12:12-14

King David should have been at war but instead he is on his roof, gazing on a woman that was not his wife. His temptation led to adultery. His adultery led to lying. His lying led to murder. His murder led to judgement. His judgement led to suffering. Being in the wrong place and getting too close to temptation can lead to a snowball effect of sin that can steal your faith, your family and your future. Paul says to flee from sexual immorality for good reason. John says to bring your sin into light, and it will lose its power. David didn't flee from temptation, and he tried to keep his sin a secret, and he paid the price.

*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

PSALM 51:10-12

As David cried out to the Lord for forgiveness, God in his extravagant grace, chose to take away David's sin and restore him. We are all broken sinners in need of God's extravagant grace. In Christ, we are all offered forgiveness of sin and restoration of relationship through the blood of Jesus. Today is a good day to flee from temptation, confess our sins and seek healing in Jesus.

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