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Jesus is the Perfect King

The 1st Book of Samuel

- **Samuel:** Last of the Judges (1–7)
–Birth and youth; Call and Office; Times and Acts
- **Saul:** First of the Kings (8 –15)
–Appointment as king; Promising Beginning; Later Folly and Sin
- **David:** Greatest of the Kings (15–31)
–Anointing by Samuel; Service before Saul; Years as a fugitive

5 Key Chapters 1 & 2 Samuel

1. Hannah' Prayer 1 Sam. 1-2
2. David & Goliath 1 Sam. 17
3. Saul & Witch 1 Sam. 28
4. Davidic Covenant 2 Samuel 7
5. David & Bathsheba 2 Sam. 11

Four Mega-Themes 1 & 2 Samuel

**1. The
Davidic
Covenant**

**2. The
Sovereignty
of God**

**3. The
Work of
God's Spirit**

**4. The
Effects of
Sin**

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Hannah the
Amazing Woman
vs. Eli the Failure

1 Sam 1-5

Hannah faced the
pain of a difficult
home situation

2 Samuel 1:6

Hannah faced the
pain of being
childless

2 Samuel 1:6

Hannah faced the
pain of limited
resources

2 Samuel 1:6

Hannah Had Two Habits

2 Samuel 1:6

Hannah Kept Praying for God's Will

1 Samuel 1:13

Hannah: Woman of Prayer

1 Samuel 1:13-18

Hannah Meditated Upon God in Prayer

2 Samuel 2:1-10

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How To Waste Your Life Like Saul

1 Samuel 9-15

Philistines: The Ultimate Enemy

1 Samuel 18-31

1. Ignore clear
and direct statements
about what God
wants you to do

1 Samuel 15:1-7

2. Pick and choose
from what God clearly
tells you to do so that
you offer God selective and
partial obedience

1 Samuel 15:8 vs. John 14:21

3. Hold on to the best and nicest parts of what God hates and has asked for you to destroy, and keep them for your own use

1 Samuel 15:9a vs. James 4:4

4. Only give God what you don't want anyway and is worthless to you

1 Samuel 15:9b vs. Matthew 16:24-27

5. Honor yourself before others and remind people of your accomplishments instead of honoring the Lord

1 Samuel 15:12 vs. Matthew 23:1-12

6. Be deceptive about the true condition of your spiritual life by making false claims about your dedication to God

1 Samuel 15:13 vs. Luke 18:9-14

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Hacking Agag To Pieces

1 Samuel 15:3-16:1

God is a God of Wrath

Exodus 17:11

Only God Can Defeat the Flesh's Power

Galatians 5:17

God's Command is Clear

Colossians 3:5

Amalekites Portray the Flesh

1 Samuel 15:8-9, 30-33

Any part of our flesh (like Agag) that we spare will come back with a vengeance and slay us. Amalekites (the flesh) always come to strike us down when we are weakest – and then rob us of our crown.

As You Received Christ: So Walk in Him

Colossians 2:6

Hacking Agag to Pieces Means Learning to Mortify our Flesh

Colossians 3

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**David's Epitaph--
God's Servant**

Acts 13:22,36

**Who Will Be
In Heaven?
God's Servants**

Revelation 22:3

**David's life was on
God's mind**

1 Samuel 16:11

**David's life was
Disciplined**

1 Samuel 16:12a

David's Early Habits

Psalm 132

**David put God First, Before
Comfort**

(Psalm 132:3-5).

David personally longed for God

(Psalm 132:6-8)

**David's Life was
Available for
God to Use**

1 Samuel 16:12b

**David's Life was
Empowered by the Lord**

1 Samuel 16:13

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David & Goliath
Standing for God
All Alone
1 Samuel 17

A Heart to Serve
& A Heart to Stand
1 Samuel 17

DAVID WAS GOD
CONSCIOUS
1 Samuel 17:47

DAVID PERSEVERED
1 Samuel 17:28, 33, 43

DAVID'S DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

1 Samuel 17:46

DAVID SOUGHT TO ADVANCE GOD'S KINGDOM

1 Samuel 17:46

1. **God often uses**
people who seem to
have little to offer to
accomplish His purposes

2. **God seeks** each of us
to use our particular gifts
and talents to influence
our culture for Him

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**Seeking God Through
Every Season of Life**

Acts 13:22, 36; Psalm 70

Season One:

God had David write 3
Psalms from the **Springtime
of Youth**, early life at home
as a shepherd boy

Event-1: So God became the focus
of David's "Peer-Pressure" instead
of any others. **Psalm 19:** Let the
words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart be
acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my
strength and my Redeemer (v. 14).

Event-2: So David learned that
God could Satisfy his Longings.
Psalm 23: The Lord is my
shepherd; I shall not want (v. 1).

Event-3: David made his relationship with the Lord: HIS. **Psalm 132:** Let us go into His tabernacle; let us worship at His footstool. ... And let Your saints shout for joy (vv. 7, 9).

Season Two:

God had David write 18 Psalms from the **Summertime of Life**—David moved out of his boyhood home, and started life on his own

Event-4: David wrote three Psalms (11;59;64) about when he faced family conflict and danger as he fled from King Saul's wrath (1 Sam. 19:11-18; 20:35-42).

Event-5: Next, David wrote a Psalm (52) about when he lost his job and was separated from his family, when he fled to Ahimelech the priest (1 Sam. 21:1-9).

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**The Loneliness of
Life's Unexpected
Changes**

Psalm 56

**David's Dozen
Awful Troubles**

Psalm 56

**Psalm 52: David
Unemployed**

Psalm 52

**Psalm 56,34,70:
Unsettled Living
Conditions**

Psalm 56,34,70

Godly Choices When Alone

Psalm 56

Seek God

Psalm 56

Cry out to Him

Psalm 56:4,10-11

Psalm 56:3-11

1. v.3 Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.
2. v. 4a In God (I will praise His word),
3. v. 4b In God I have put my trust;
4. v. 4c-8 I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?
5. v. 9 I cry out to You, because God is for me.
6. v. 10a In God (I will praise His word),
7. v. 10b In the Lord (I will praise His word),
8. v. 11a In God I have put my trust;
9. v. 11b I will not be afraid.

**Beware When
Things Seem
Smooth**

Psalm 13

**Trusting God to
Pilot Our Lives**

Psalm 13

**David Clings
to God**

Psalm 13:1-2

**Spiritual
Depression**

Psalm 13 & 1 Samuel 21-22

Four Deep Wounds

Psalm 13

1. My life feels like an endless struggle

Psalm 13:1a

2. My life seems to have lost God's blessing

Psalm 13:1b

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Feeling Abandoned By God

Psalm 13

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**Life in the Minor Key:
Is Depression Sin?**

Psalm 142 & 1 Samuel 21-22

**A SHARED
STRUGGLE**

Paul, Ezra, Hezekiah, Job, Elijah,
Moses, Jeremiah, Jonah & David

- 1. Moses: Num. 11:14-15**
- 2. Elijah: 1 K 19:4**
- 3. Hezekiah: 2 K 20:2-3**
- 4. Job: Job 3:11**

- 5. Ezra: Ps. 119:25**
- 6. David: Ps. 142:7**
- 7. Jeremiah: Lam. 1:20**
- 8. Jonah: Jonah 4:8**
- 9. Paul: 2 Cor. 7:5-6**

**NEGATIVE EMOTIONS
ARE NOT SIN**

Job 1:22
“in this Job did not sin”

**PAUL SHARED
HIS STRUGGLES**

2 Cor. 1:8

**Basic Duties of
Believers**

1 Th. 5:11-26

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**Hope When ALL
Has Been Lost**

1 Samuel 29-30

**Our Struggles
Frame God's
Faithfulness**

1 Samuel 21-25 Psalms

**David's
Acid Test**

1 Samuel 30

**Total
Loss**

1 Samuel 30:4

**Trusting God
When Everything
Else Fails**

1 Samuel 30:6-8

**Psalm 16's
Truths**

1 Samuel 30:6-8; Psalm 16

**The Life
God Offers...**

1 Samuel 30:6-8; Psalm 16

**...Is The Best Life
Possible**

1 Samuel 30:6-8; Psalm 16

**Use
Lonely Times
to Grow**

Psalm 71:14

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What God Expects of Leaders

2 Samuel 5:1-25

The 2nd Book of Samuel

- David's Triumphs (1–12)
 - King of Judah at Hebron (7 yrs)
 - King of All Israel at Jerusalem(13 yrs)
- David's Troubles (13–24)
 - In his Family
 - In the Nation

The Davidic Covenant
2 Samuel 7:11-16

- *Affects all that follows*
 - in the Scriptures
 - in the history of mankind
- Divine Confirmation of throne in Israel
- Perpetuity of the Davidic Dynasty
- Davidic Covenant is Unconditional
- Messianic Implications

The Road to Lifelong Usefulness

Deuteronomy 17

The Pathway to Pursuing God

- 1. **God MUST become YOUR personal pursuit:** v. 18b that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book,
- 2. **Pursuing God will be INCONVENIENT to Your Life:** v. 18c from the one before the priests, the Levites.

The Pathway to Pursuing God

- 3. **God's Word must become Your GUARDED Treasure:** v. 19a And it shall be with him,
- 4. **Reading the Word Must become YOUR Personal Habit:** v. 19b and he shall read it

The Pathway to Pursuing God

- 5. **Nurturing Your Soul must become a LIFELONG Habit:** v. 19c all the days of his life
- 6. **Spiritual Growth takes up Your Time, and is Not Instantaneous:** v. 19d that he may learn to fear the LORD his God

The Pathway to Pursuing God

- 7. **God Wants Your Obedience not Just Going Through the Motions:** v. 19e and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes,
- 8. **God Expects You to Choose Humility:** v. 20a that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren,

HOUR-13
Unguarded
Moments

I Kings 15:5

David's Zenith

- Victorious Warrior, Clever General who Subdues:
 - Philistines to the West (Saul's nemesis)
 - Syrians and Hadadezer in the North
 - Ammonites and Moabites on the East
 - Edomites and Amalekites in the South
- Constructive Administrator
 - "*Judgment and justice to all the people*"
 - Organizes Priesthood into 24 Courses
- Major Poet, Song Writer: Psalms

David's Turning Point

- His Great Sin: Honesty of the Scriptures; Adultery; then murder
- Culmination of a *Process*: Prosperous ease; Self-indulgence; Accumulating wives forbidden Deut 17:17
- Remorse and Repentance (Psalm 51); "A man after God's own heart..." 1 Sam 13:14, Acts 13:22

Years of Suffering

- Remorse and Contrition did *not* obliterate the consequences
 - Incest
 - Fratricide
 - Intrigues
 - Rebellion
 - Civil War
- Not allowed to build the Temple
 - (Yet he still prepaid most of the expenses...)

Beware of the Prowling Lion

1 Peter 5:8

Six Dreadful Steps Downward

2 Samuel 5:13

1. **David Desensitized** his conscience by incomplete obedience (2 Sam 5:13).
2. **David Relaxed** his grip on personal purity (2 Sam 11:1).
3. **David Fixated** his heart on physical desires (2 Sam 11:2).
4. **David Rationalized** his mind about wrong decisions (2 Sam 11:3).
5. **David Plunged** his life into lustful sin (2 Sam 11:4).
6. **David Destroyed** his testimony by the sin of a moment of stolen pleasure.

My Personalized List of Anticipated Consequences of Immorality

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What Does God Think of Your Life?

2 Samuel 11:27b

David's Top Songs

Psalms 8, 9, 21, 23, 25, 27

God's Opinion Matters Most

2 Samuel 11:27b

David Hid His Sins

Proverbs 28:13

**IF DAVID HAD ONLY
CONSIDERED THE
CONSEQUENCES**

2 Samuel 12:9

**David Lost
God's Blessing**

2 Samuel 12:9

**Sin has consequences
and they are painful!**

**Don't forget—
to look for God, to use His Word,
and to run from lust!**

God is close.

Cry out to Him.

**He will rescue you
every time!**

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**David: Coming
Back to God**

Psalm 51

**ALL SIN IS
AGAINST GOD**

Psalm 51

**I Am
Guilty**

Psalm 51

**The Pathway
Back**

Psalm 51

#1 Understand that all Sin is Against God.
(Psalm 51:1-4)

#2 Take Personal Responsibility for your Sin.
(Psalm 51:5-9)

#3 Believe that Only God can cleanse and restore us. (Psalm 51:10-13)

#4 Seek God and repent. (Psalm 51:14-19)

THE MIRACLE OF COMPLETE FORGIVENESS

Psalm 32

FORGIVENESS IS THE GREATEST MIRACLE

Psalm 32

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Facing The Consequences

2 Samuel 12-15

Unguarded Moments lead to SIN—Uriah and Bathsheba. Out of this time period Psalms flow. These are Psalm 32; 38; 51.

Inevitable Consequences lead to PAIN—Absalom and Shimei. Psalms that flow from David's PAIN. These are Psalms are 3; 31; 55; 63.

Humble Obedience leads to JOY—Solomon, and the Temple. These are Psalms 18; 71.

INESCAPABLE Consequences

Galatians 6:6-7

Sin **always pays us back** with boredom, guilt, shame, loneliness, confusion, emptiness, loss of purpose, not to speak of-- loss of rewards.

One thing is certain—sin always pays back both believers and unbelievers with boredom, guilt, shame, loneliness, confusion, emptiness, loss of purpose, and loss of rewards

For instance, it could be an allusion to the death of four of David's sons:

- 1. Bathsheba's first son (2 Samuel 12:18);
- 2. Amnon (2 Samuel 13:28-9);
- 3. Absalom (2 Samuel 16:14-15); and
- 4. Adonijah (1 Kings 2:25).

Consequences In Daily Life

1 Corinthians 4:5

Negative Consequences For Believers

Galatians 5:19-21

GOD FORGIVES

Psalm 32

HOUR-17

Responding to Attacks & Slander

2 Samuel 16:1-14

WHEN ATTACKED —DO THIS

2 Samuel 16:1-4

**1. When David was at his
weakest point--he waits
for God's provision**

2 Samuel 15:25

**2. When David was at his
lowest moment of his life--
he bows and offered up a
Psalm of praise to God**

2 Samuel 15:30,32

3. When David was at his lowest moment of his life-- he bows and offered up a Psalm of praise to God

2 Samuel 15:30,32

4. When David was least in control of his circumstances —he entrusts his situation to the Lord

2 Samuel 15:30,32

5. When David was attacked—he realized that God allows adversaries for His own purposes

2 Samuel 15:30,32

6. When the painful abuse was overwhelming him-- David fled to the Lord for hope.

2 Samuel 15:30,32

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Sleeping in the Shadow of Danger

Psalm 3

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT SLEEP?

TRUSTING GOD— NO MATTER WHAT

Psalm 3:1-8

If you stepped back and look at the Psalms, there are 150 of them. Here is what we observe:

1. This is the first one that is **called a Psalm.**
2. This is also the **first Psalm that is attributed to David.**
3. This is the first Psalm that gives us a **Divinely written setting.**
4. This is the first Psalm to use the **Divinely placed pause** we know as the Selah.

**LIKE DAVID—WE
ALL WILL FACE
BATTLEFIELDS**

Psalm 3:1-2

**LIKE DAVID—WE
ALL WILL MAKE
CHOICES**

Psalm 3:3-4

**LIKE DAVID—WE
ALL NEED SLEEP**

Psalm 3:5-8

**LIKE DAVID—WE
ALL HAVE PROBLEMS**

Psalm 3:5-8

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**Turning Lonely
Hours into
Worship Times**

Psalm 63

**DAVID SOUGHT GOD
THROUGH HIS
LONELINESS**

Psalm 63:1-2

**DAVID USES EVERY
MEANS HE HAD TO
PURSUE GOD**

Psalm 63:3-6

**Salvation Reaches:
Blind Sinners
in Darkness**

Luke 1:76-79

Six Choices to Preserve Healthy Spiritual Sight

Isaiah 33:15

1. Isaiah 33:15 He who walks righteously [**Lifestyle of practical purity**]
2. and speaks uprightly, [**Speech under God's control**]
3. He who despises the gain of oppressions, [**Compassion**]
4. Who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, [**Honesty**]
5. Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, [**Pure audio**]
6. And shuts his eyes from seeing evil: [**Pure video**]

Six Indescribable Joys of Seeing God

Isaiah 33:16-17

1. Isaiah 33:16-17 He will dwell on high; [**Endless delights**]
2. His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; [**True security**]
3. Bread will be given him, [**Satisfied longings**]
4. His water will be sure. [**Unending refreshment**]
5. v. 17 Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; [**The Greatest Attraction**]
6. They will see the land that is very far off. [**Heavenward gaze**]

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**Embracing God By
Declaring MY
Love for the Lord**

Psalm 18

**Part One:
God was the Greatest
Attraction of David's life**

Psalm 18:1-3

**Part Two:
David was Often in
Desperate Condition**

Psalm 18:4-6

**Part Three:
God's Power Was
Awesome To David**

Psalm 18:7-24

**Part Four:
God Is Just In
All He Does**

Psalm 18:25-29

**Part Five:
God Reveals Himself
To Those Who Trust Him**

Psalm 18:30-36

**Part Six:
God Has Conquered
All Our Enemies**

Psalm 18:37-45

**Part Seven:
God Is Worthy Of Our
Life-Long Praise**

Psalm 18:46-50
