

This week we will take a closer look at David. Each day we will consider a theme from his life and how it can help us become someone after “God’s own heart.”

Monday October 30th

Considering the Heart. Read 1 Samuel 16:7, Psalm 23:3-4, 1 Samuel 15:22-23. David’s appearance didn’t amount to much but it was his heart God was after. How often do we dismiss someone based on appearance? How do today’s scriptures help us learn to get our own hearts right with God?

Tuesday October 31st

Last, not Least. Read 1 Samuel 16:11, Matt. 19:30. I’m old enough I remember being picked for sides during PE in school, and even the pain of being selected last. Not every time, but enough. It is easy to be discouraged when others don’t see who you really are. So don’t be discouraged if those around you don’t hold you in high regard, there is no way they can know the plans God has for you (Jeremiah 29:11). Regardless of where you are in their sight, even last, you are not least in God’s eyes!

Wednesday November 1st

Be Yourself. Read 1 Samuel 17:38-39. David didn’t fit into Saul’s armor. Had he faced Goliath that way, he would have been destroyed! God wants you to be yourself. God calls you as yourself so we should trust that God knows what God is doing!

Thursday November 2nd

A Best Friend. Read 1 Samuel 18:3, Proverbs 18:24. David and Jonathan were best friends. It is doubtful that David would have survived all of the attacks of King Saul if Jonathan was not looking out for him. We all need a Jonathan but it is just as important to be a Jonathan for someone else. Never receive more friendship than you give, that’s what David teaches us!

Friday November 3rd

Beloved Betrayer. Read 2 Samuel 15:13-14, Matt. 26:23. To be betrayed by a friend is hurtful; to be betrayed by a close family member is tragic. Absalom had everything going for him but he allowed bitterness to fester and turned against his father, David. We learn that when we break our commitments to those who are in our family, we create wounds that are extremely difficult to heal. Let us treat our family with honor and mend conflict before tragedy strikes.

Saturday November 4th

Father Failure. Read 1 Kings 1:5-6. David raised his son Adonijah with servants and a nearly unlimited supply of wealth. Having means wasn’t the problem it was that David “had not rebuked (corrected, disciplined) him at any time.” For all that David accomplished, he came up short with Adonijah, teaching us that children need love and grace and a firm acknowledgement of the path they are on.

Look at the prayer list. Who can you pray for? Who needs a little extra help in an area where you can make a difference?

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