



Owasso First Assembly

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Remember those who sacrificed for our freedom

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# DAVID—THE CONFLICTED HERO

**Vault verse for this series: Philippians 3:17 (ESV)** *Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.*

1. David's story is one of faith, failure, and redemption.
2. David's story is told in 1 & 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, and 1 Samuel.
3. His name is in the Bible approximately 1100 times.
4. He was born around 1000 BC.
4. David's life was marked by mighty exploits and shocking failure.

## 1. David accomplished many magnificent achievements

1. He is first mentioned in scripture in 1 Samuel 16 when he is anointed by Samuel.
2. He was born in Bethlehem and was the youngest son of Jesse.
3. He came from a modest family and worked as a shepherd. A key term in his life.

**Psalms 78:70–72 (NIV)** <sup>70</sup> *He (God) chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; <sup>71</sup> from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance. <sup>72</sup> And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.*

4. He was a poet and musician.
5. David is traditionally credited with writing about half of the Psalms. 73 of 150
6. Even as a young man his life was marked by courage, faith, and humility.
7. At 30 he was anointed King of Judah and shortly after he was anointed King of Israel.
8. He was King for 40 years and ushered in the Golden age of Israel's history.
9. He positioned the next generation to build the Temple.

**Acts 13:36 (NIV)** *"Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed."*

10. He was declared to be a "man after God's own heart." Acts 13:22

## 2. David experienced massive failures

1. His story has at least 4 significant failures that impacted thousands of people in the process.
2. 2 Samuel 11 tells the shockingly evil story of David's sin with Bathsheba that results in adultery, murder, and the vilest deception. It also brought the punishment of God.
3. David at times lacked sound judgement regarding those he empowered. 2 Sam. 3
4. David failed to lead his family well. He had at least 8 wives and 10 concubines. He had at

least **19 sons** and **one named daughter**. There was **massive** conflict between them.

2 Sam 13-18

5. David **ordered** a census of Israel in 2 Samuel 24 which was an **offense toward God** and resulted in **70,000** Israelites dying. 2 Sam 24

IMPORTANT TRUTH TO LEARN: WHE THE DEVIL TEMPTS US TO SIN, HE TELLS US **OUR SIN IS INSIGNIFICANT** AND GOD'S GRACE IS ALWAYS PRESENT TO FORGIVE AND RESTORE; **BUT AFTER WE FAIL**, HE TELLS US **OUR SIN IS ENORMOUS** AND WE COULD NEVER BE FORGIVEN MUCH LESS RESTORED. **WHAT WE NEED TO LEARN—ALL SIN IS DESTRUCTIVE AND WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE POWER OF GRACE TO PREVENT OUR FALLING AS MUCH AS THE POWER OF GRACE TO RESTORE AFTER WE HAVE FALLEN.**

Romans 6:1–2 (NIV) <sup>1</sup> *What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?* <sup>2</sup> *By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?*

1 John 1:9–2:1 (NIV) <sup>9</sup> *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* <sup>10</sup> *If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.* <sup>1</sup> *My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.*

### 3. David expressed **deep** repentance and sorrow for his sins

1. David **acknowledged** his sin with Bathsheba after being confronted by Nathan, the prophet. 2 Sam 12
2. Psalm 51 is a masterpiece of true **repentance**.
3. David **accepted** the consequences of his sin as just, even if extremely painful.
4. David took responsibility for his actions.

### 4. David received **abundant** grace

1. God did not **abandon** David.
2. God **restored** him.
3. He lived a **good** and **productive** life.

LESSONS TO LEARN FROM THE LIFE OF DAVID:

1. **Having a heart for God should be the goal of every follower of Jesus.**
2. **It is better to avoid sin than receive forgiveness.**
3. **Since God is gracious to the repentant sinner, we should be gracious also.**
4. **When we fail, we must follow David's example of quick and sincere repentance.**

Psalm 51:10 (NIV) Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.