



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“HEBREWS 11:32-40 / DAVID” ON APRIL 7 - APRIL 10, 2022

CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed affect your week?

DISCOVER: HEBREWS 11:32-40/DAVID

- What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?
- How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
- Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn’t understand, phrases that didn’t make sense, etc.)?

Hebrews 11:32 David’s standing in the Hall of Faith – a man who was shepherd, giant-killer, poet, king, and ancestor of Jesus but was also an adulterer and a murderer. David’s story is found in I Samuel 16 to I Kings 2. Regardless of his successes and failures, regardless of his sin and its consequences, he was a man who had a heart for God. He had an unchangeable belief in the faithfulness and forgiving nature of God and was quick to cry out to God in repentance!

David, The Unlikely: I Samuel 16: 1-13 describes how David, the youngest of Jesse’s 8 sons, was overlooked by his father as a possibility to be considered by the prophet Samuel as God’s chosen king for Israel – to his father, David seemed an unlikely candidate!

- After reading I Samuel 16: 1-13, turn to Luke 19:28-40 to read of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey as a triumphant king. How were both David and Jesus seen as unlikely victors in their unique situations by some people? How did those unlikely factors affect the outcomes of their confrontations of giants and death?
- We all have a ‘version’ or image of Jesus that we respond to – what is yours? Do you recognize Jesus as King? What does that look like in your life?

David, The Champion for God: David, the unlikely shepherd boy, chose to confront the giant who was taunting the Israelites’ God, trusting God to give him victory in a fight no one thought could be won. Trusting God, David led the Israelite nation from bondage to freedom with no armor. Jesus did the same for us as He conquered death and sin on the cross, freeing us from the power of sin and offering us eternal life in Him.

- What do the terms ‘Champion/Covenant Mediator/Representative’ as used here mean to you on your spiritual journey? Is Jesus your Covenant Mediator? Are you LETTING Him represent you?
- Are you trusting Jesus with your life – not just your eternity, but your every-day-ness, your everything? What areas of your life do you cling to that you need to turn over to Him?

David, The Anointed, The Patient: David knew he had been anointed by Samuel as Israel’s king, but he had to wait patiently for 20 years before that became a reality! He experienced suffering and denied opportunities to grab his power, but he waited because he believed God was faithful to His promises.

- Do you find yourself impatiently expecting a response from God, an answer to a prayer? Do you struggle with having faith in God’s promises and His timing? How does David’s example encourage you to wait patiently and trust in God’s faithfulness?

David, The Successful King: When David finally became King of Israel, he did great things.....as long as he sought the Lord every day. When he began taking matters into his own hands, things changed; suddenly David was an adulterer and a murderer. When we lose our focus, our lives can change drastically!

- Consider what you do each day as you begin your day and move throughout it – how often do you seek the Lord? Do you seek Him every day? Throughout the day? Only for big decisions? What can you learn from David’s story?



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David, The King Who Cried Out to God – Psalm 51: Read this psalm, which David wrote after he had been confronted with his sin with Bathsheba.

- How does this psalm show David's repentant heart? What does he ask for, and what does he acknowledge? Against whom did he know he had sinned?
- Are there things in your life you think cannot be forgiven? How do Psalm 51 and David's story show you that God is faithful to forgive and restore those who cry out to Him in repentance? How will you respond to that?
- In verses 7-12 David cries out for cleansing and restoration, then in verses 13-17 he describes what HE will do in response to that cleansing. As Jesus represented you when He conquered sin and death on this earth, how will you represent Him as His image-bearer in the world around you? What can you do THIS WEEK to do that?

RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.