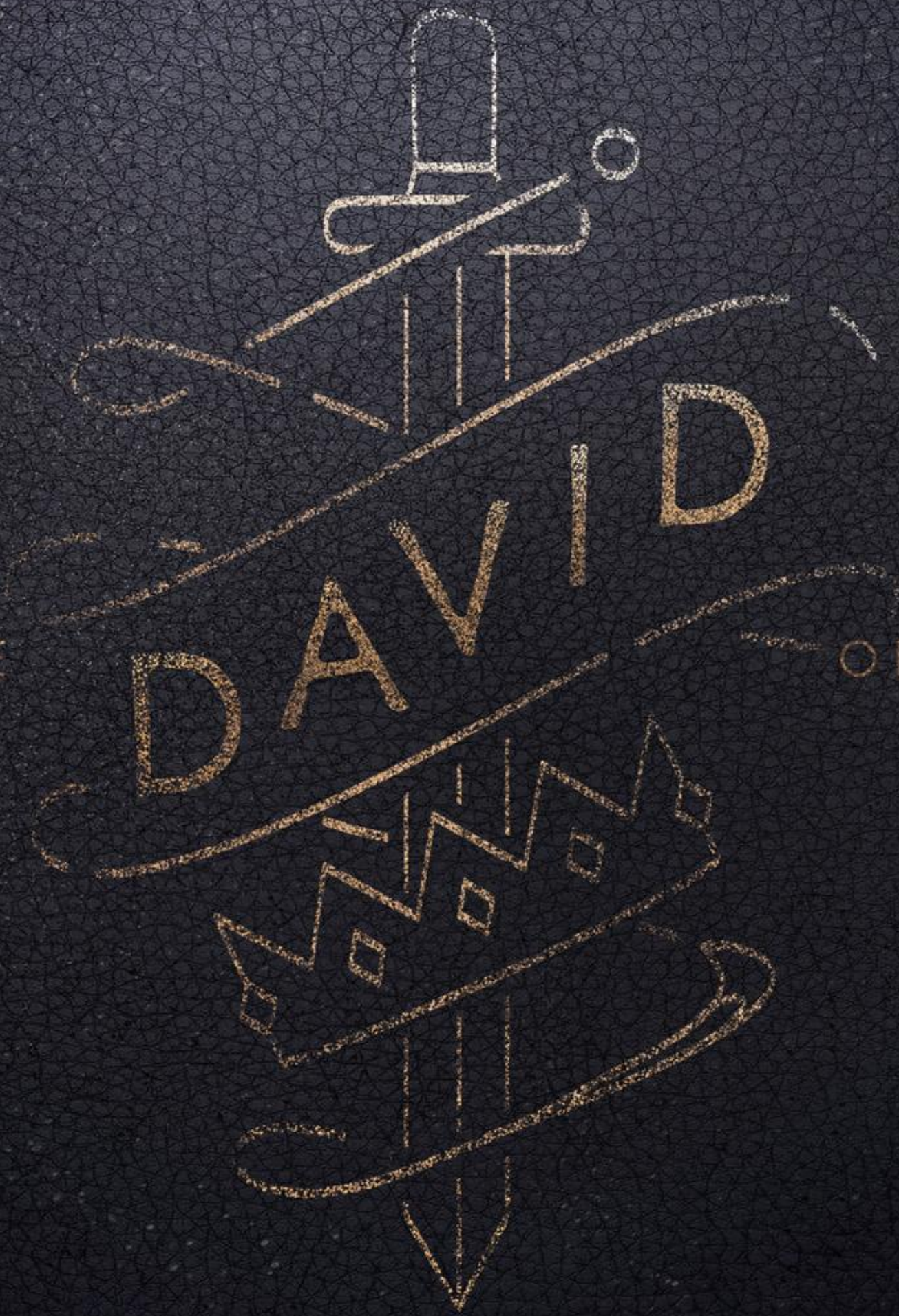


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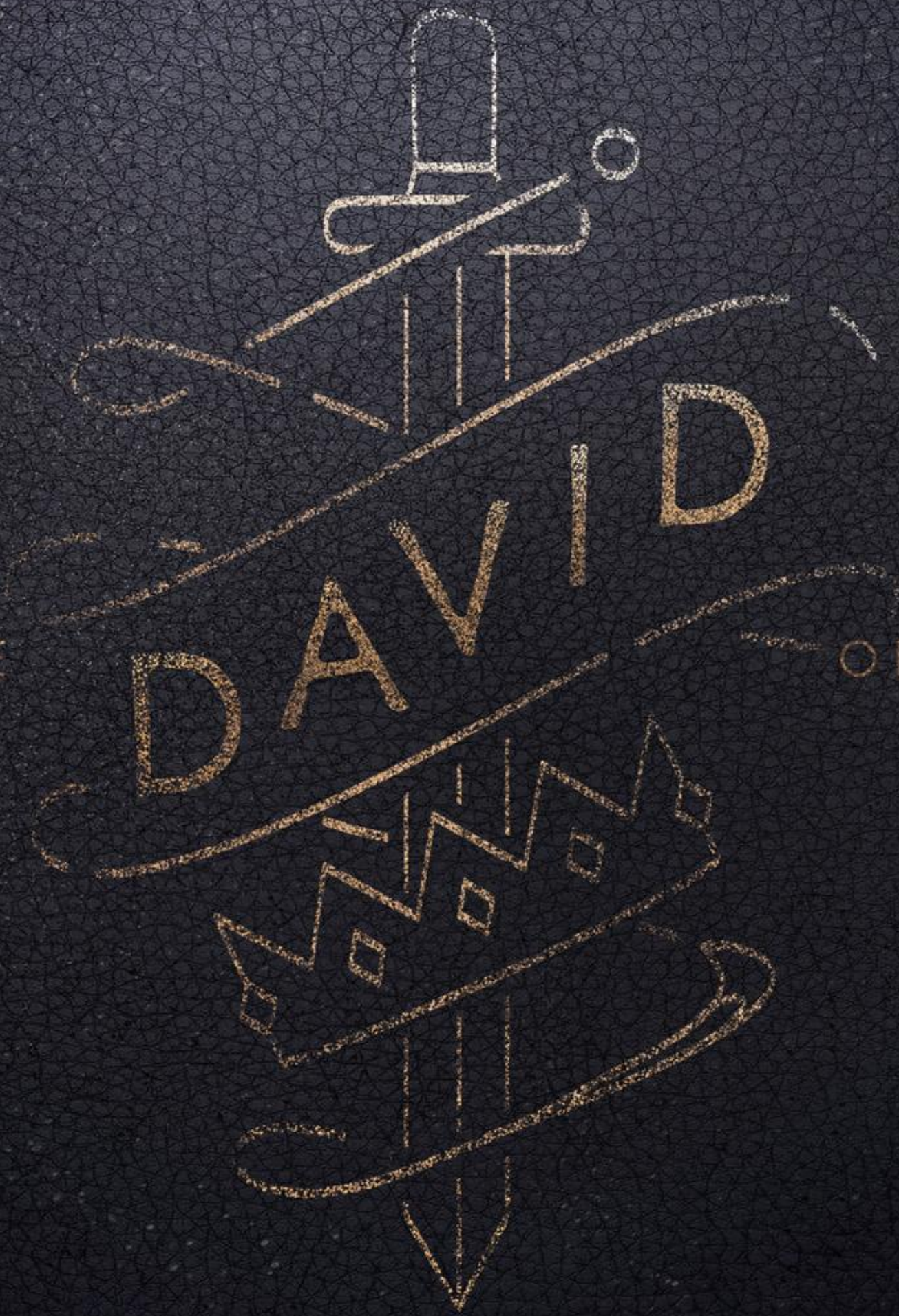
**Last week we asked: How does
someone who loves God end up
doing something they never thought
they would do?**

This week: What happens **after
someone does something they
never thought they would do?**

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2 SAMUEL 12 : 1

The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor.

2 SAMUEL 12 : 2 – 3

The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

2 SAMUEL 12 : 4

“Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

2 SAMUEL 12:5–6

David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “*As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die!*” He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

2 SAMUEL 12 : 7

Then Nathan said to David, “*You are the man!*” This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.

2 SAMUEL 12 : 8

I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more.

2 SAMUEL 12 : 9

Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

2 SAMUEL 12:10

Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

2 SAMUEL 12:11

“This is what the Lord says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight.

2 SAMUEL 12:12

You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.”

2 SAMUEL 12:13

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.”

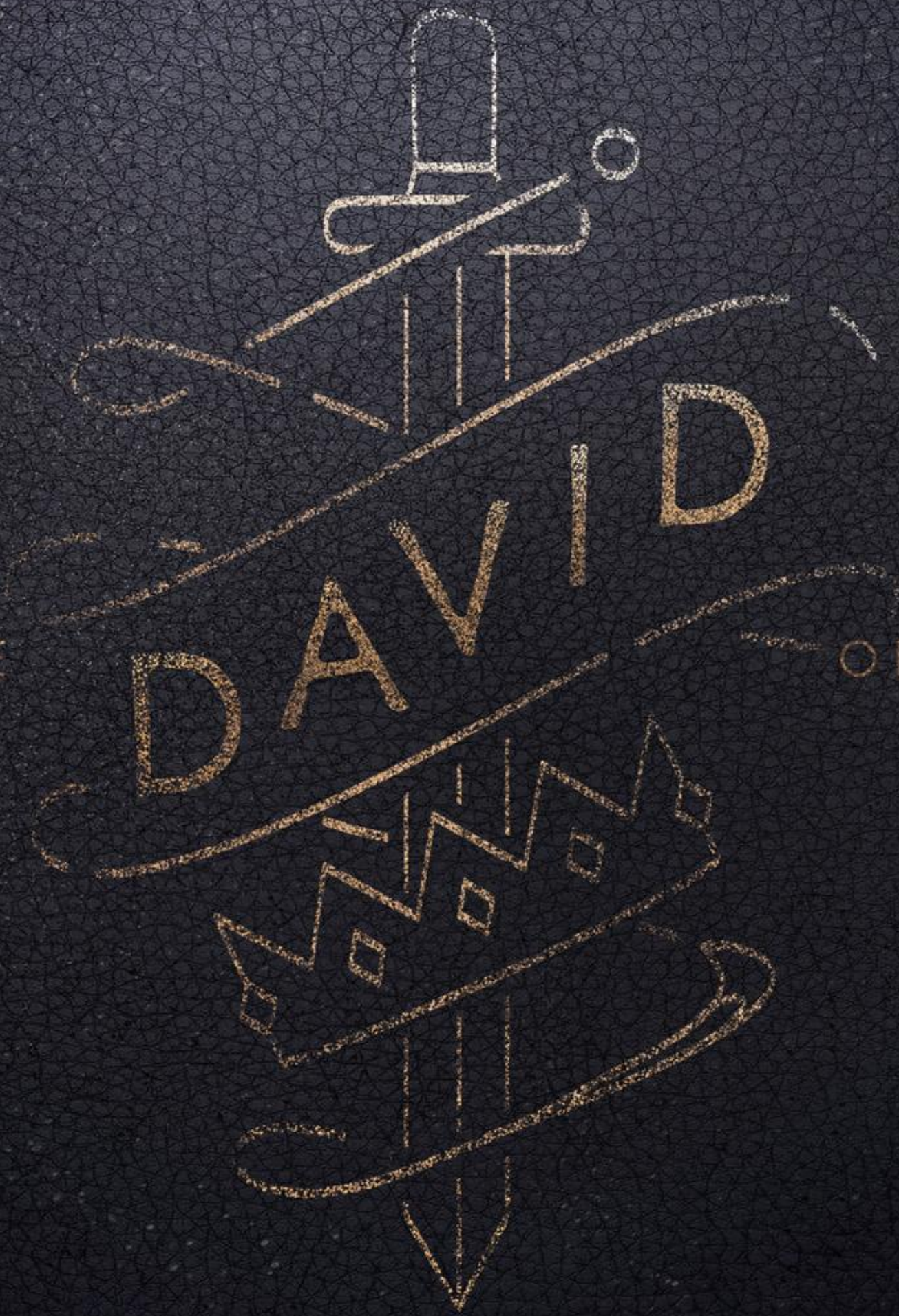
2 SAMUEL 12:14

But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the Lord, the son born to you will die.”

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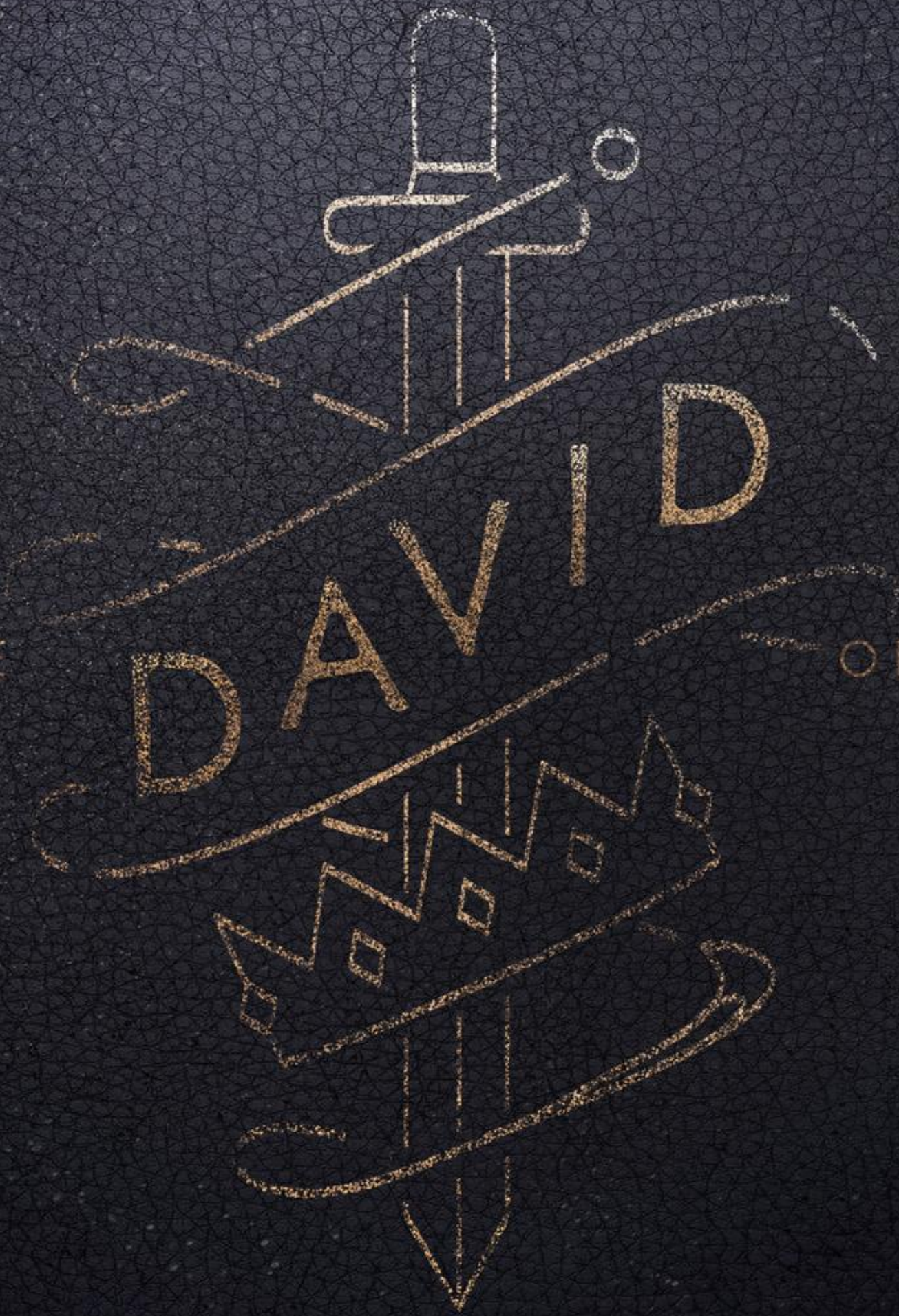
Thirty years as a doorstop.

**Sin is more dangerous than
you think.**

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Sin Leads Us
Away From God

SOME OF WHAT SIN DOES

Separates us from God — *Isaiah 59:1*

Blinds us — *2 Corinthians 4:4*

Sears your conscience — *1 Timothy 4:2*

Hardens your heart — *Hebrews 3:13*

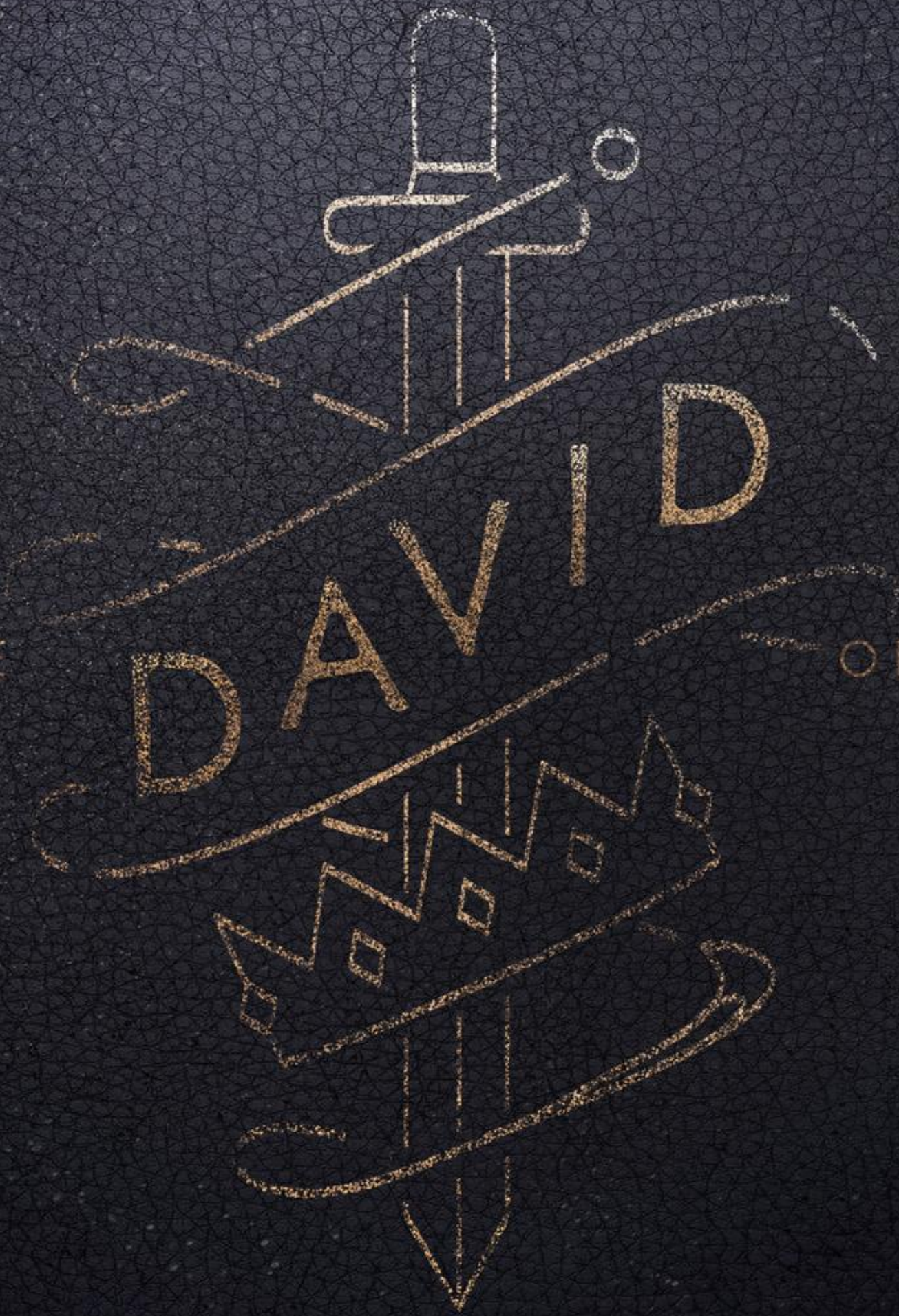
Destroys your sense of honor and justice — *Romans 1:28*

**Rather than turn from our sin, we
often find ways to excuse it.**

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Sin Has Consequences

NATHAN TOLD HIM PLAINLY

The sword will afflict his family.

Insurrection will rise up from within his family.

Some of his wives will be violated in public.

The baby is going to die.

And every single one of them happened.

GALATIANS 6 : 7

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. *A man reaps what he sows.*

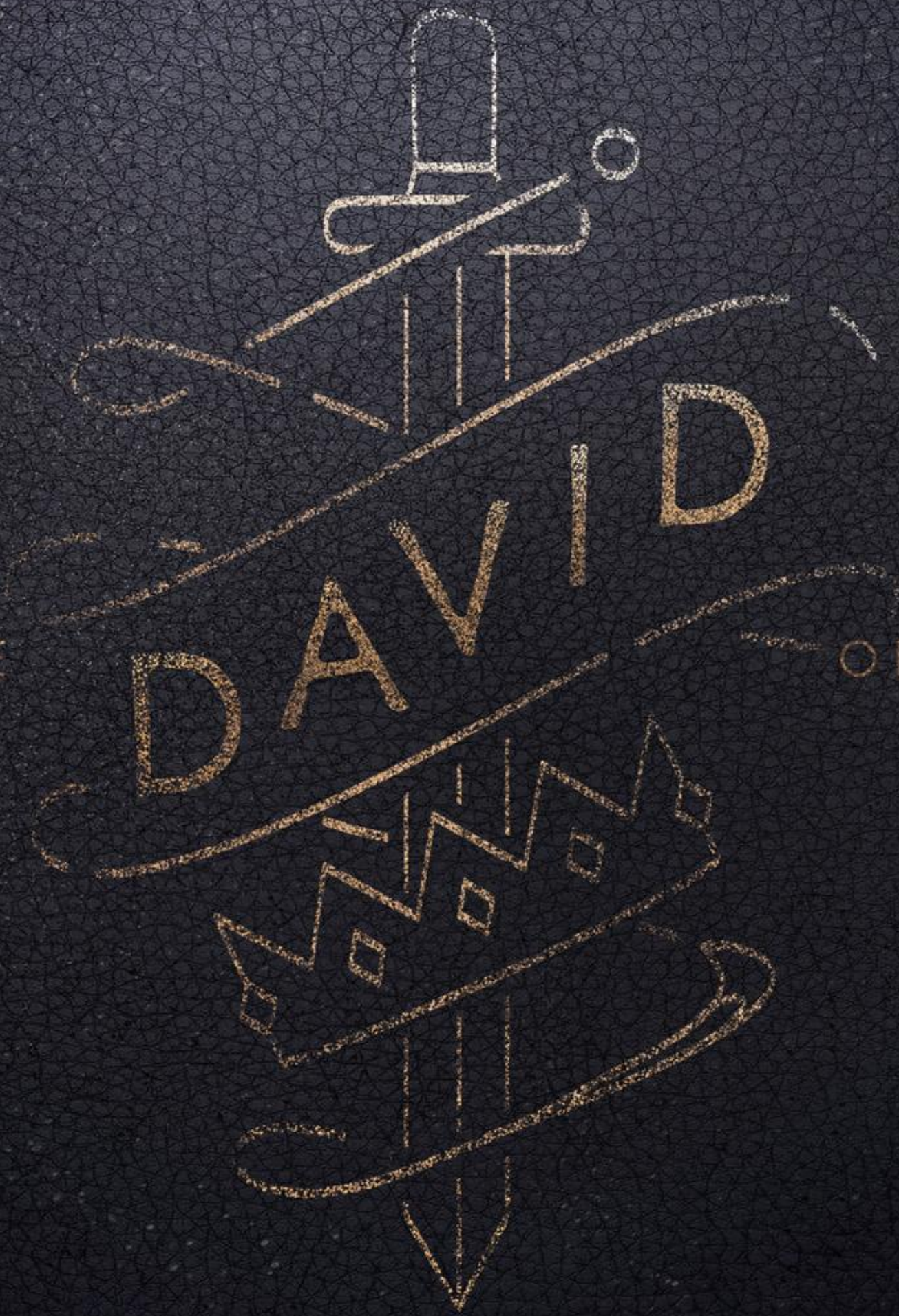
The Consequences...

- Amnon takes advantage of his half-sister.
- Absalom kills Amnon.
- Absalom betrays his father and starts a civil war.
- Absalom sleeps with his father's wives.
- Absalom is killed by the sword.
- Adonijah is killed shortly after David died.

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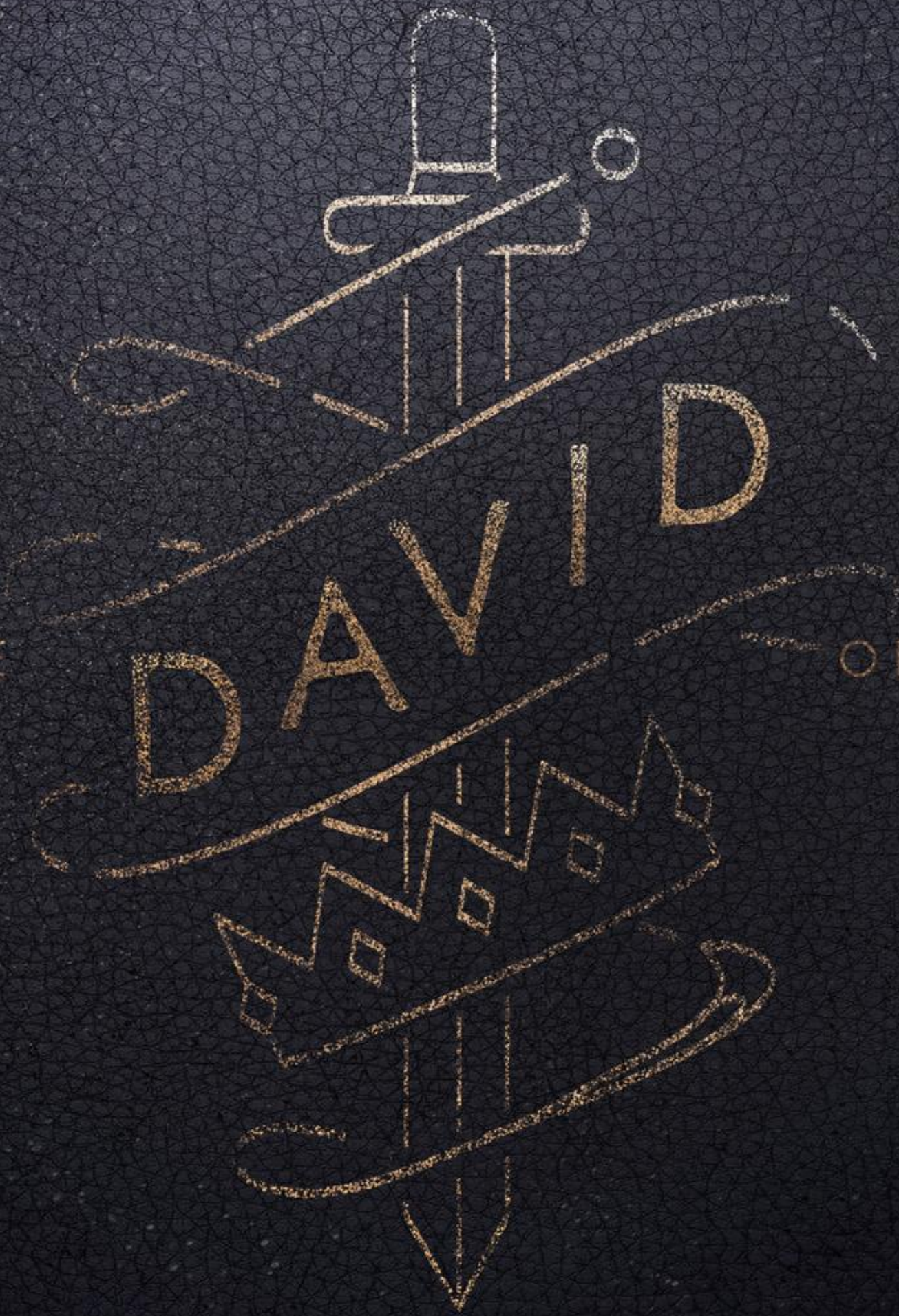


Sin Leads to Brokenness

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Our sins lead us away from God...
But God comes after us.

2 SAMUEL 12:1a

The Lord sent Nathan to David.

God forgives David
completely and immediately.

2 SAMUEL 12:13

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.*”

God forgives David **completely**
and immediately.

...But many of the
consequences remain.

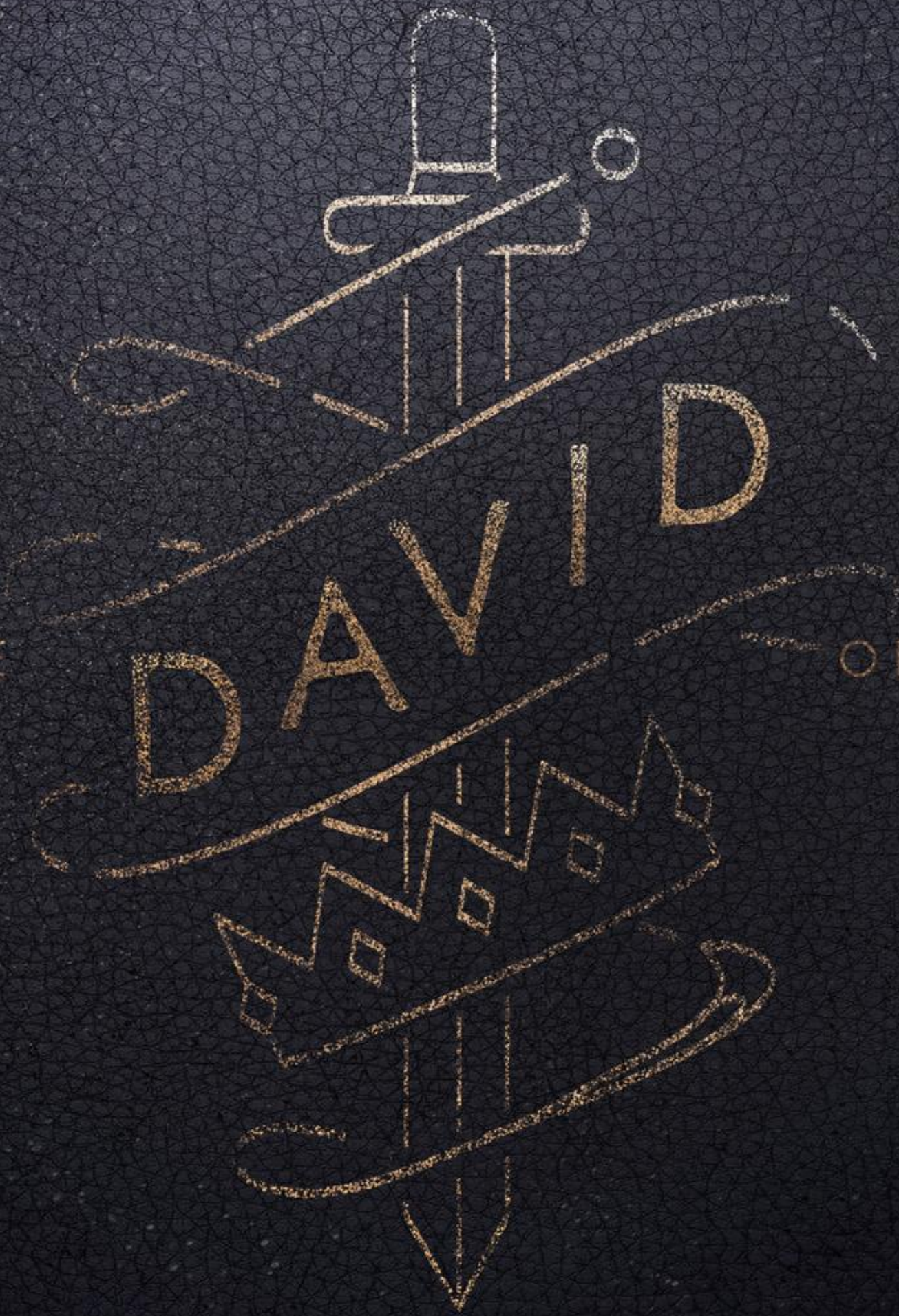
**Forgiveness immediately restores
our relationship with God.**

But it's not a time machine.

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The brokenness is real...
But so is God's restoration.

2 SAMUEL 12 : 24

Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and made love to her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon.

2 SAMUEL 12:24-25

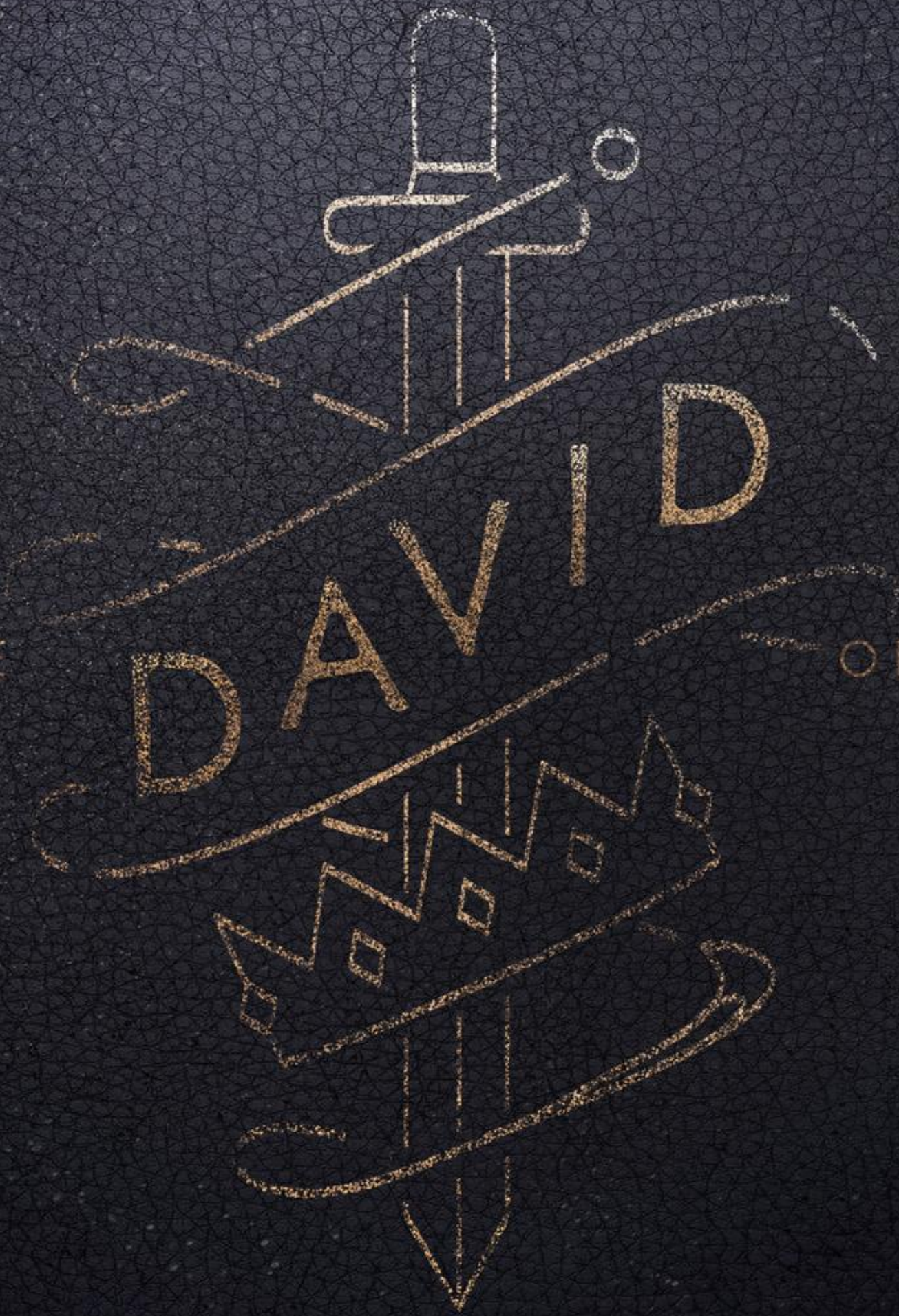
The Lord loved him; and because the Lord loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.

**Jedidiah: “beloved of
the Lord.”**

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You can't undo yesterday's sin.

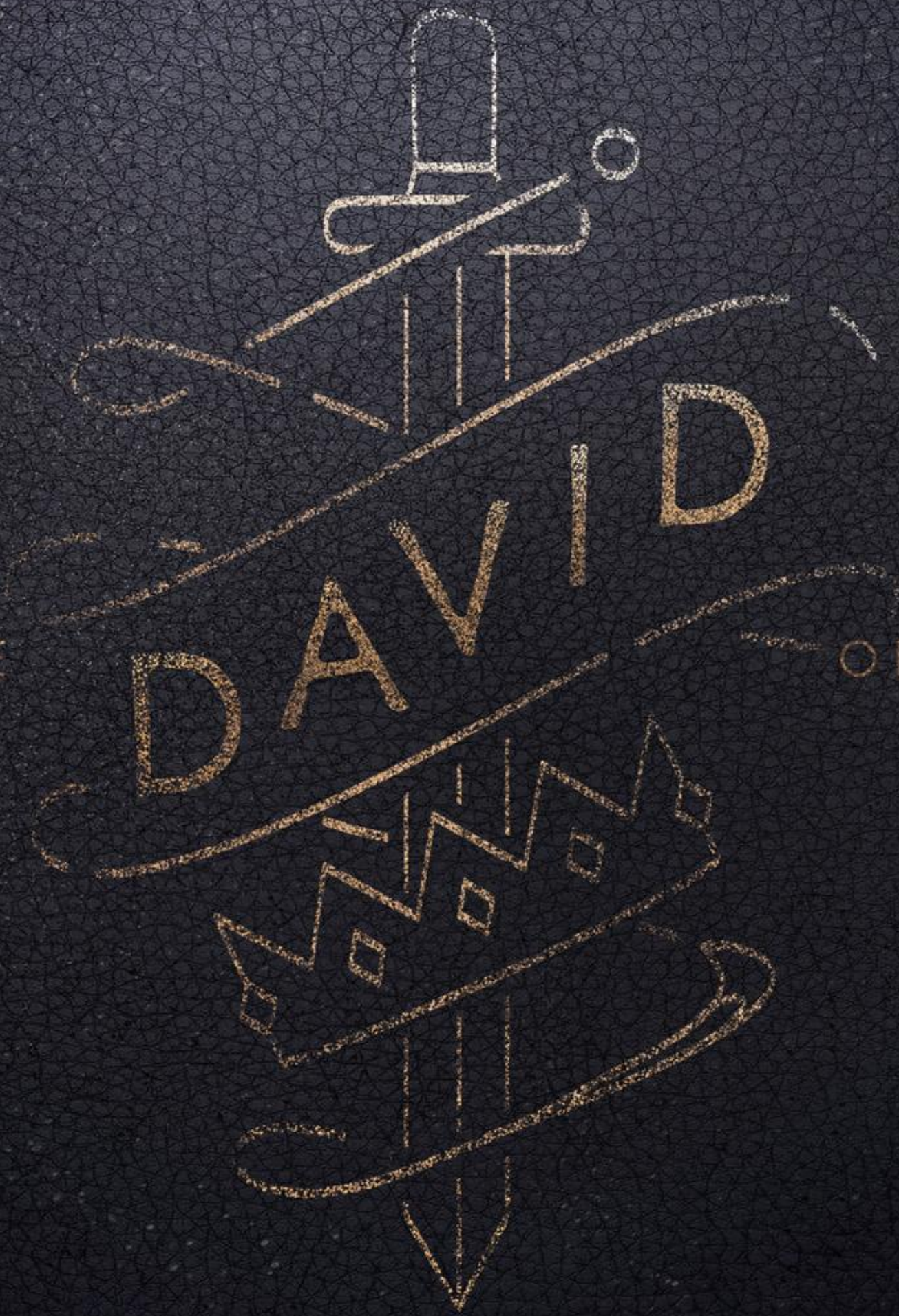
**You may still have to live with
today's consequences.**

**But you can come to the ONE
who can redeem your story and
bring restoration!**

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If . . .

You've got something hidden you need to confess and repent of.

You need God to bring restoration to an area of brokenness in your life, your family, or our world.

You want to put your faith in Jesus.

Then Come and Pray

Jesus, I want to follow you. I believe in
your life, death, and resurrection.
Forgive me of my sins. Jesus, I choose to
make You Lord over my life.

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