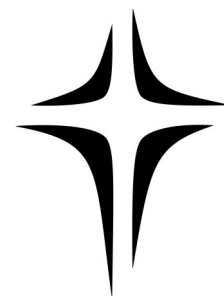




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The Purpose

From here to heaven... Following God wherever He leads us.

Commentary from a common Terry **Why was David so special?**

Saul was a failure as Israel's first king. He started well, but finished poorly. He presumed to act before God led and he assumed authority and roles not granted to him. He made decisions that contradicted God's instructions and then not only defended them, but justified them.

All of this, by God's providential hand, eventually led David to the throne. He would be *the* standard future king's would be measured by. More than a dozen times in the books of the Kings and Chronicles, a king is compared to David. He kept the commandments of God like his father David...or he did not walk in the way of his father David. David would be one of the three great men of Jewish history. Abraham was the father of the nation. Moses was the deliverer of the law and covenant. David was the great king. Jesus would be called *the Son of David* close to 20 times in the New Testament, as well as the One that has the key of David, being the Root of David, and the descendant of David (those last three are all in the book of Revelation).

When Paul mentioned David in his sermon in Acts 13 at Antioch of Pisidia, he quoted God's view of David. "*I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.*" Acts 13:22 That's such a statement! Why is David a man after God's heart? The only detail in this text is that David did *all* the will of God. That is a direct contradiction to how Saul had ruled as the first king.

And yet, we are perplexed at the label. Certainly David was amazing, from when we are first introduced to him in I Samuel 16 to his death in I Kings 2. His devotion to God and humility in that relationship is evident. But he also committed huge sins, some of which led to the deaths of the innocent he ruled. But..."a man after my heart."?? Why?

It is a massive undertaking, to study the life of David. Not only is the narrative long and detailed, but the supplemental material is extensive. As I mentioned, he is introduced in I Samuel 16. For the next 42 chapters (the rest of I Samuel, all of II Samuel, and the first two chapters of I Kings), he is either mentioned or extensively featured in 41 of them. The only chapter that does not mention

him is I Samuel 31, the last chapter of the book, which describes the deaths of Saul and three of his sons. Only Moses is as extensively featured in the Old Testament as is David.

So, to answer the question of why David is the only person in the Bible to be a man after God's own heart takes a committed study.

But that's only half the material. Once we have read the narrative of the life of David, we must then turn to the Psalms. There are 150 chapters in the Psalms. David wrote half of them. It's there that his heart is poured out and printed on the pages of the Bible. His deepest fears. His greatest joys. He cries out to God and he worships and praises God. In every circumstance, it seems, of his life, one of his responses was to write another psalm, capturing his gratitude and submission to the Father.

We return to the statement of Acts 13:22. God was so pleased with David because he did, "...all my will." Even when he sinned—terrible sins—his response and repentance kept the will of God. David was so far from perfect that we can relate to him. He was so despondent and sad sometimes in the psalms that he captures our own thoughts and hearts. His regret over his sin, written about in Psalm 51, is the same regret we feel when we are heartbroken over our sinful failure.

He didn't argue with God or justify his sins. He accepted God's judgment and punishment, realizing he had brought such misery on himself. He was totally devoted to the Law, even when he broke it. Just like we are devoted to God and, in spite of that, we still sometimes break from His will. The faith journey isn't simply about what we have done. It's about what we will do next.

A final thought on why David was so special to God's heart: he did not dabble in idolatry...at all. He was devoted to One True God and held in highest regard the first of the Ten Commandments. ***I am the LORD your God.... You shall have no other gods before Me.***

To have a **God goal** in life, we must first commit to the absolute place of honor we give God.

Love one another,

Terry

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are thankful you are with us today as we worship our God and Savior. Our prayer is that you will encounter Him today.

A nursery for small children is available in the east hall off the lobby.

What will you experience at Westview?

- **Praise through song.** It is the tradition of our heritage to sing a cappella (without instruments) as we encourage everyone to be involved in uplifting praise.
- We value the **Bible**. You will hear God's Word read and all sermons will give the utmost respect and priority to Scripture.
- We share the **Lord's Supper** every week remembering Christ's sacrifice that provides us forgiveness as we celebrate our salvation through Him.
- **We do not expect our guests to give financially** to our work. We depend on the generous and godly giving of all Westview members to provide the funds needed to implement God's plans for this church.

We invite you to stay for Bible classes following our worship time. We hope you have been blessed today!

Congregational cookout on the 28th

We will have a congregational burgers and dogs cookout on Sunday, June 28th, in the west shelter at Bittersweet Park. We will start at 5:30 p.m. Within the next few days we will send out info as to what you can bring. We'll probably have a sign-up for some items and assign other things (such as chips and



desserts) to different groups. We encourage you to invite guests as we enjoy this great fellowship time together.

Today's Order of Worship

*Unto Thee, O Lord
More Like You*

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Prayer

I'll Fly Away

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 121

Sermon

The Invasion:

God's Church God's Way (9)

Protection in the every day

Love Lifted Me

Faithful Love

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

Contribution Collected

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

Elder blessing/prayer

Seek Ye First

Unison Reading:

Psalm 121:1-2

Higher Ground

Events, opportunities, and reminders:

Sunday morning classes: The fellowship room class is a verse-by-verse textual study, led by Randy and Tom. Tom is currently leading a study of the book of **John**.
Terry's class, which meets in room #14, began a new study this summer entitled *The Fortress*. It is built on Psalm 18. Can we actually *experience* the power and protection and guidance of God, moving forward and growing in our faith?

Singing/Worship on Tuesday nights Each Tuesday evening, the worship leaders get together to work on songs. Each Tuesday evening we are inviting all who wish to join us. We learn new songs, rediscover old songs, and learn specific parts. It is from 7 to 8 p.m. (This is not a song leader / worship leader program. It is a time to enjoy the gift of song and worship.)

Band of Brothers ministry The Band of Brothers ministry will hold a weekend "boot camp" September 10th through 13th in Westcliffe. It is a weekend designed to encourage men to grow spiritually, strengthening their faith and becoming better equipped as men of God. If you have questions or need more information, check with Doug Blount.

Servers for Worship today (14th)

Scripture Reading Cory Newton
Prayer Rand Morgan
Tom Odle (communion prayers)
James Pascoe (contribution prayers)
Tyler Wade
Tyler Wallace
Dean Weber
Tyler Blount



The Westview Men's Coffee is every Tuesday morning from 6 to 8 a.m. in the fellowship room.

The Westview Women's Coffee is every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. in the fellowship room.

The kids' worship handout is on the table at the back of the auditorium.

The **Wednesday night Bible study group** meets at 6:30 in the fellowship room.
We are currently studying *Colossians*.

The JUNE Bible study plan guide handout is in the lobby on the table.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

6/15 – Ian Sebald
6/16 – Dian Moore

The Kitchen is a ministry to the homeless. We cook burritos on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and then take them to the homeless shelter. You can help cook, deliver, or both. It varies from week to week if we're meeting. **This week, on Wednesday, June 17th, *The Kitchen* is CLOSED.**

Women's Bible Study on Tuesday

The next *Women's Bible Study* is this coming Tuesday, June 16th, at 10 a.m.
The group meets in the home of Barb Henderson.
Check with the church office if you need the address.
All the ladies are invited to join us!

The Young Families Discovery Group will meet next Sunday, the 21st, at 5 p.m. in the fellowship room. The menu is a taco bar. Check with Cory and Katie for more information or if you have any questions. All families with children are invited to join us.



Prayer reminders

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

We do not include personal information, such as the prayer list in our online bulletin. If you would like that information, it is available in the hard copy bulletin at the building. Or, you can contact the church office to receive a copy.