

The Life Of David Part 5 HANDOUT

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Scripture summarizes David's legacy with one sentence:

ACTS 13:22 ...God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

A person's last words/dying words are predicated on how they lived. Perspective of life.

His final words weren't about what *he* had done—but about what **God had done through him**:

2 SAMUEL 23:1 ¹These are the last words of David: "The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse, the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High, the man anointed by the God of Jacob, the hero of Israel's songs:

- Single sentence - biographical sketch of David's life.
- Son of Jesse - genealogical roots
- Raised up on high - shepherd boy, to warrior, to psalmist, to king
- Anointed of God (mashiach) - greater son of David will be THE Anointed

1. Legacy Is Not Perfection, but Pursuit

Acts 13:22 is stunning. Out of all the ways to summarize David's life—God chooses this: "*a man after My own heart.*"

KEY: *Your legacy isn't built on your perfection—it's built on your pursuit of God.*

Don't let your past cancel your future. If you're still breathing, you can still chase after God's heart.

2. Legacy Is Built on God's Promises, Not Our Performance

2 SAMUEL 23:2–5 ²"The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. ³The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: 'When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, ⁴he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth.' ⁵"If my house were not right with God, surely he would not

have made with me an everlasting covenant, arranged and secured in every part; surely he would not bring to fruition my salvation and grant me my every desire.

- David knew his real legacy wasn't his performance—it was God's promise. The promise that from his line would come the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

KEY: *What God promises through you will outlast what you accomplish by yourself.*

A. God Promises to Work Through You for His Kingdom

- Plant seeds of faith in others (Matthew 28:19–20)
- Build His church (1 Corinthians 3:6–9)
- Extend His grace, truth, and justice (Micah 6:8)

B. God Promises to Speak Through You - David understood that his voice, when surrendered to God, became a vessel for **God's own words**.

C. God Promises to Bless Others Through Your Obedience - David's obedience (even amid his failures) resulted in a **covenantal blessing** that outlived him, ultimately fulfilled in Christ.

Your obedience may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

3. Legacy Is About Finishing Strong

2 SAMUEL 23:3-4 ...'When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, ⁴he is like the light of morning at sunrise...

2 SAMUEL 23:6 ⁶But evil men are all to be cast aside like thorns, which are not gathered with the hand.

Two possible legacies: the sunrise or the thorn bush.

LIFE POINT: *The final chapter of your life is being written right now...finish with faith, not regret.*

- God isn't looking for perfect people—He's looking for surrendered hearts.
- What you anchor in God's promises will outlast what you accomplish in your own strength.
- You can't rewrite your past, but you can still choose how your story finishes.

KEY: *The measure of your life will not be your mistakes—it will be your heart toward God.*