

The One and Only Yet Never Alone

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David- Shepherd Boy

1 Samuel 16:11-13

- ▶ The only one working in the fields while the others were home
- ▶ Anointed to be King by Samuel
- ▶ The Holy Spirit came upon him

David- King's Musician

1 Samuel 16:14-23

- ▶ The only one who could comfort King Saul during the distressing spirit
- ▶ Submitted to authority even though he was anointed
- ▶ Found favor in King Saul's eyes

David- Giant Killer

1 Samuel 17

- ▶ The only one who to confront the enemy while the army of Israel trembled
- ▶ Prepared as a shepherd boy and killed lions and bears
- ▶ Skilled with a slingshot

Acts 13:22, 23

- ▶ ²² After removing Saul, he made David their king. 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.'
- ▶ ²³ "From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised.

- ▶ David is the only one recorded in scripture to be “a man after God’s own heart.”
- ▶ That does not mean he is the only one in history. We should be found by God as a man or woman after God’s own heart.

In David's darkest times

- ▶ He retreated to caves to be alone and safe
- ▶ He wrote Psalms and cried out to God
- ▶ He wrestled with his emotions
- ▶ He was punished for something he didn't do

The more time he spent with
God...a miracle happened!

- ▶ 600 outcasts from society were drawn to him
- ▶ They watched as God strengthened David
- ▶ He became their leader

David went from being the one and only...

- ▶ As a shepherd boy, giant killer and harpist...
- ▶ To a great leader of men...
- ▶ And eventually their king!

David may have been the one
and only but he was never alone

- ▶ He sang songs to God and pondered the mysteries and majesty of God...as a shepherd boy

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- ▶ He was filled with the Holy Spirit
(the Comforter)...as a harpist

David may have been the one
and only but he was never alone

- ▶ He declared God as victor and the Lord fought his battle...as a giant killer

- ▶ Some may feel isolated as we are practicing social distancing.
- ▶ Some may feel like this is a punishment they don't deserve.
- ▶ Some may feel like they are the only one to manage their finances in this stressful economy.
- ▶ **YOU MAY BE THE ONLY ONE BUT YOU ARE NEVER ALONE!**

David is a great example to follow in times of distress

- ▶ He served his family
- ▶ He served his king
- ▶ He served his nation
- ▶ But most importantly, he worshipped and served his God.

75 Psalms are credited to David

- ▶ Ps 3- The Lord Helps His Troubled People
- ▶ Ps 4- The Safety of the Faithful
- ▶ Ps 5- A Prayer for Guidance
- ▶ Ps 6- A Prayer of Faith in Time of Distress

- ▶ Ps 8- The Glory of the Lord in Creation
- ▶ Ps 13- Trust in the Salvation of the Lord
- ▶ Ps 16- The Hope of The Faithful and The Messiah's Victory
- ▶ Ps 19- The Perfect Revelation of the Lord

- ▶ Ps 23- The Lord the Shepherd of His People
- ▶ Ps 27- An Exuberant Declaration of Faith
- ▶ Ps 103- Praise for the Lord's Mercies
- ▶ Ps 138- The Lord's Goodness to the Faithful