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DAVID: A MAN OF PASSION & DESTINY

GOD'S HEART, GOD'S MAN, GOD'S WAYS





The Heart of the Matter

"A man after God's own heart" can only refer to one person in Scripture: David. The youngest son of Jesse. The shepherd lad of Bethlehem. The giant-killer. The teenaged king-elect. The composer of psalms. Saul's personal musician. The friend of Jonathan. The hunted fugitive. The king of Israel. The father of Solomon. The champion in battle. The aged, troubled monarch. In verbal panorama, such was God's choice servant. A man of glorious triumph and great tragedy. Uniquely gifted but human to the core. Strong in battle but weak at home. On and on we could go, but first, let's focus on God's working and preparation behind the scenes.



Discovering the Way

1. A Principle Worth Remembering (1 Corinthians 1:26–29) God's choice of a person for His purposes is contrary to human reason.

2. The Jews' Historical Backdrop (1 Samuel 8:1-5, 9, 19-22)

While the people had chosen a king who lived according to their lifestyle of compromise and lethargy, God chose David for his spirituality, humility, and integrity.

3. The Lord's Method of Training

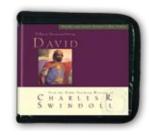
God used four specific methods to train David: solitude, obscurity, monotony, and reality.



Starting Your Journey

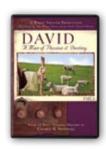
God's preparation of David reminds us of two principles. First, it is in the little things that we prove ourselves capable for big things. Second, when God develops our inner qualities He is never in a hurry.





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