

DAVID: A MAN OF PASSION & DESTINY
EVERY CRUTCH REMOVED
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The Heart of the Matter

All of us are “leaners.” Not learners, *l-e-a-n-e-r-s*. We prefer not to stand alone, facing the icy blast of life without someone or something to lean on, to support us. These self-styled crutches become our securities. To some, the crutch is finances; to others, it’s employment—a certain position at work. Many lean on their reputation or children or friends or some unique ability. Whatever, they are *crutches*. Human, ego-satisfying, and emotionally supportive crutches. Then God moves in and begins an internal reconstruction process that rips away everything but Himself. The process is painful, but the result is beautiful. David too went through this process, just like we do.



Discovering the Way

1. Truth about Our Crutches

Crutches become substitutes for the Lord, they keep our focus horizontal, and they offer only temporary relief.

2. Removal of David’s Crutches

Once David won the victory over Goliath, God began to remove David’s crutches one after another—his position, his wife, his mentor, his friend, and finally, his self-respect.

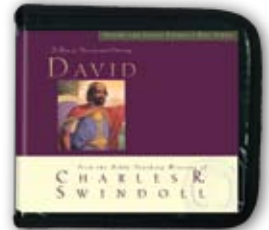


Starting Your Journey

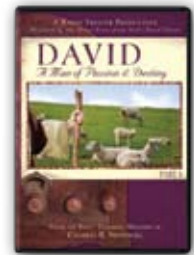
We too can learn from David’s experience. Nothing is wrong with leaning if you’re leaning on the Lord, and being stripped of all substitutes is the most painful experience on earth.



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