

DAVID: A MAN OF PASSION & DESTINY
BEING BIG ENOUGH TO FORGIVE
2 SAMUEL 16:5–13; 19:16–23



The Heart of the Matter

We all know that forgiveness is costly. So much of the hurt we experience in our lives would be on the way to healing if we would choose the simple but difficult road toward forgiveness. As always in matters of forgiveness, the offended—the forgiver—must pay the cost in full. That takes an awfully big person to pull off. As we shall see, David filled those shoes. Can you? Ask yourself that question as we take a look at another remarkable moment in David's life.



Discovering the Way

1. Some Initial Thoughts on Forgiveness

We often try to get away without offering our full forgiveness, and when we resist like that, we can expect to see a downward plunge in our relationship with the offender.

2. An Example of Complete Forgiveness (2 Samuel 16:5–13; 19:16–23)

David stood in the midst of a storm resulting from the consequences of his sin with Bathsheba when a veritable nobody in the kingdom insulted David publicly. However, David treated the offender with grace and respect and refused to take the man's life.

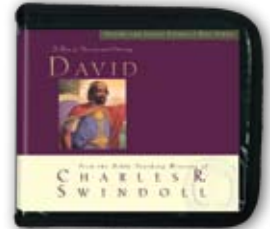


Starting Your Journey

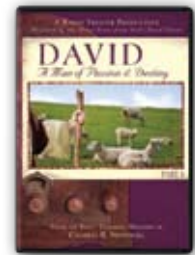
As you seek to improve in the area of offering forgiveness, cultivate a thicker layer of skin, try to understand where the offender is coming from, recall times in your life when you have needed forgiveness, and verbalize your forgiveness.



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