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"David"

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SPEND DAILY TIME WITH GOD AS YOU READ, THINK, PRAY + ACT.

2025 Focus: 50 Key Truths

Each Friday, explore a key truth about our Christian faith and how we can live in light of this truth.

Day 1 [1 Samuel 17:8-26](#) | **A Fully Devoted Heart**

"Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" 1 Samuel 17:26

God rejects Saul as king. Saul is no longer a man fully devoted to the Lord. So, God sends Samuel to anoint David as the next king. Near David's home, the Philistines gather opposite the Israelite army. Sent to gather news from his elder brothers at war, David hears of the Philistines' taunts. Daily, a mocking shout rings across battle lines. Goliath, the champion of the Philistines, dares anyone to face him. The nerve of the Israelite army breaks. David knew the severity of Goliath's taunts. Goliath dares "defy the armies of the living God". Filled with zeal for the Lord, David offers his life to defend the reputation of his God. He knew that the God he served was worthy of his whole heart.

Our hearts often look more like the cowering Israelites than that of David. We will give God parts of our heart, but we're unwilling to offer *everything* to him. David was fully convinced that God was worthy of everything. God really has kept all his promises. He sacrificed his son for us. And he will fulfill his promise of everlasting life for his children. This is a God worthy of our total devotion.

TODAY: Are you living a life that proclaims God is worthy of your whole heart? Offer every part of your heart to God with this prayer: "God, I don't often live my life in full surrender to you. Help me love you with all of my heart, all of my soul and all of my strength. Amen" ([Deuteronomy 6:5](#)).

Day 2 [Psalm 142](#) | **A Trusting Heart**

I cry to you, Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." Psalm 142:5

Saul observes David's favor from the people and the Lord. After David kills Goliath, the people sing, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands" ([1 Samuel 18:7](#)). Jealousy begins its vicious work in Saul's heart. Saul attempts to kill David multiple times. But David evades the king for roughly a decade as Saul pursues him in the wilderness. Discouraged and lonely, David cries out to the Lord, "I have no refuge; no one cares for my life" ([Psalm 142:4](#)). David has no physical stronghold to turn to, and yet he continues, "You are my refuge." When David has nowhere to retreat, he trusts God will be his safe place.

We, too, face times when we have no asylum from our circumstances. We may face a challenging diagnosis, strained relationships, or another closed door for employment. And it feels like there is no one left to rely on. In these seasons, we can find refuge in God. God provides the only security that can withstand any storm. At our loneliest and lowest, we can find peace and strength in God's unwavering shelter.

TODAY: We memorize scripture so we can recall it not just in our present circumstances but in future battles. Memorize Psalm [142:5](#) to internalize the truth of God's security. Whether you are in the middle of a storm or a season of peace, let this truth remind you of the ever-available haven found in God.

Day 3 [2 Samuel 7:1-17](#) | A Generous Heart

Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever. 2 Samuel 7:16

David's kingdom is at peace. Then he realizes that while his home is lavish, the Ark of the Covenant sits in a tent. Conferring with the prophet Nathan, David decides to build God a home. God halts David's plans through a prophecy given to Nathan. God promises instead to establish with David an everlasting kingdom. This promised kingdom involves the covenant that the Messiah would be born from David's family line. When Jesus enters the story, he is recognized as "the Son of David", the fulfillment of God's promise ([Matthew 20:30; 21:9](#)). God generously extends his love to all of humanity through David's lineage.

There is no greater example of the paramount generosity of God than Jesus. Though Jesus is God himself, he came to earth. Jesus fulfilled the law and humbled himself further by submitting to torture on the cross. He accepted punishment for the sins of humanity and died an excruciating death. Yet, he rose from the dead, defeating the power of death. Our creator offered his perfect life to save us from sin. God's ultimate plan of redemption came through David's line, and his bountiful grace extends to us.

TODAY: If you have never accepted the grace and forgiveness offered through Jesus, now could be your time to accept his generous love. If you have already begun a relationship with God, thank him for his lavish love. Find more examples of God's generosity by exploring David's story further on the [Beyond the Weekend Podcast](#)—find it wherever you listen to podcasts or watch on [YouTube](#).

Day 4 [1 Corinthians 10:12](#) | A Drifting Heart

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 1 Corinthians 10:12

Looking out upon his city, David's gaze falls on a beautiful married woman, Bathsheba. He burns with lust for her. The king caves and takes her as his own. After Bathsheba becomes pregnant, David sends her husband to the front lines to be killed and takes Bathsheba as his wife. Years later, Solomon, David's son, writes, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it" ([Proverbs 4:23](#)). Faithful for many years, David still drifted from God. David was considered "a man after God's own heart," and yet he veered off course ([1 Samuel 13:14](#)). David's story contains a warning: A heart that beats with God's heart can still drift.

We must guard our hearts from straying. In today's passage, Paul advises us to stay alert, even if we have been standing firm against sin. Drifting often begins with small moral compromises: not being wholly honest with a timecard, letting unresolved conflict linger, too much binge-watching, or flirting with someone at work. All such examples must be swiftly quashed. It is unwise to believe we have matured past the point of doing something foolish. Instead, we should check our hearts daily and be wary of anything that causes them to stray.

TODAY: What compromises do you make that cause your heart to drift from God? It is not too late to turn from these desires and back toward God. Use [Psalm 51:10-12](#) as a prayer to guide your heart back to God's desires for you. If you find yourself already having fallen into temptation and are unsure of how to get out, reach out for support at care@adabible.org.



Day 5 [Luke 23:39-43](#) | Question 43: When Believers Die

Question: What happens when a believer dies?

Answer: When believers die, their souls enter God's presence while awaiting the resurrection of their bodies.

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

In his final moments, Jesus makes a stunning promise to the dying criminal beside him. To a man with no time for religious works or spiritual achievements, Jesus offers immediate entrance into paradise. This reveals a profound truth about what happens when believers die. The thief's soul will be separated from his body and enter God's presence that very day—not sleeping in unconsciousness or waiting in an intermediate state, but consciously present with Jesus in paradise. Paradise is a place of worship and rest—a spiritual home free from sin, despair, pain, death, illness and regrets. For the believer, physical death simply continues the life that began when they accepted Jesus as Savior.

When believers die, our souls immediately enter God's presence in a new, richer way while our bodies await resurrection ([1 Corinthians 15:42-44](#)). Death is not the end, but a transition from faith to sight, from earthly struggle to heavenly rest and worship. We do not grieve like those without hope ([1 Thessalonians 4:13](#)) because we know our loved ones who died in Christ are with Jesus now. These truths change our understanding of death and how we face it. Death loses its sting when we understand it merely ushers us into the very presence of the One we've been following by faith ([1 Corinthians 15:54-57](#)).

TODAY: Thank God that death is not the end, but a doorway into his presence. If you fear death or are grieving a believer who has died, let this truth replace your fear with confident hope. Learn more about what the Bible teaches on eternity in our [We Believe document](#).