

DAVID

CHASING AFTER GOD'S HEART





KINGS

A dramatic, high-contrast photograph of a muscular man from the back, looking out over a dark, stormy landscape. The man's skin is glistening, possibly with sweat or rain, and his muscles are well-defined. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and a bright light source, likely the sun or moon, is visible through a break in the clouds, creating a strong backlight effect. A jagged lightning bolt is visible in the upper right corner of the sky. The overall mood is intense and powerful.

OF KINGS AND PROPHETS

The burden of blessing.

And David took more
concubines and wives from
Jerusalem, after he came from
Hebron, and more sons and
daughters were born to David.

2 Samuel 5:13

And David said, “Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

2 Samuel 9:1

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:1

Men are like old trucks. They
drive better with a heavy load.

David & Bathsheba

And the LORD sent Nathan to
David.

2 Samuel 12:1

The real curses are the ones
we create ourselves.

Our actions effect not only our stories, but the stories of those around us.

Now Absalom, David's son, had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar. And after a time Amnon, David's son, loved her. And Amnon was so tormented that he made himself ill because of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin, and it seemed impossible to Amnon to do anything to her.

2 Samuel 13:1-2

When King David heard of all
these things, he was very angry.

2 Samuel 13:21 NIV

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4. Favoritism

When we do nothing,
life drifts toward disorder.

A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest — and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.

Proverbs 24:33-34 NIV

Sheep Shearing

Absalom flees

David is convinced to
allow Absalom to return

Absalom goes to Hebron

What David did in secret
his son did in public.

Joab said, “I will not waste time like this with you.” And he took three javelins in his hand and thrust them into the heart of Absalom while he was still alive in the oak. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him and killed him.

2 Samuel 18:14-15

Isolation is the enemy
of progress.

Realize the burden
of blessing.

Apathy

The wise do now what the
foolish do when they must.

No story is ever so broken
that it is beyond God's ability
to redeem it.

God's love offers far more
than forgiveness.

In his mercy God sees us
as we aren't, and by his
grace he makes it so.