



A MINISTRY SCHOOL OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF THE UPPER MIDWEST

# Leadership Life Lessons from David

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## **I. Intro**

*A few top level takeaways to start with*

## **II. Four Season of Leadership**

### **i. Youthful Leader (teenage—early 20s?)**

#### **Story Highlights**

- a. David Anointed by Samuel (1 Samuel 16:1-13)
- b. David Plays for Saul (16:14-23)
- c. David and Goliath (17)



### Faith Qualities

- a. An innocent and whole-hearted confidence in the Lord (1 Samuel 17:37;45-47) READ

### Failure Moments

## ii. Young Leader (20s–30s)

### Story Highlights

- a. David's Leadership Develops and Success Grows, Saul gets Jealous (18)
- b. Saul Pursuit of David – David Spares Saul (twice!) (1 Samuel 19-24,26)
- c. David Flees to the Philistines (27-29)

### Faith Qualities

- d. Anointing Comes from the Lord (1 Sam 24:1-22, 1 Sam 26) READ
- e. Seeking the Lord for Guidance (23:1-5, 23:7-13, 30:6-8)
- f. This continues later in life too (2 Samuel 2:1, 5:19;23-24)

### Failure Moments

- a. Fear, not trusting the Lord, escaping (1 Samuel 27-29)
  - 1. David flees to the Philistines...almost joins their side



### iii. Established Leader (30s–60s?)

#### Story Highlights

- a. David's Return, Saul's Death (1 Samuel 30 – 2 Samuel 1)
- b. David Becomes King (2 Samuel 2-5, 1 Chronicles 11)
- c. The Ark comes to Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6, 1 Chronicles 13, 15)
- d. Plans to build the temple/God's Promise to David (2 Samuel 7, 1 Chronicles 17)
- e. David's Military Victories (2 Samuel 8, 10, 1 Chronicles 18-20)
- f. David's Mercy (2 Samuel 9)
- g. David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11-12)
- h. Amnon/Tamar/Absalom/Civil War (2 Samuel 13-21)
- i. The Census (2 Samuel 24, 1 Chronicles 21)

#### Faith Qualities

- a. Joyful acceptance of what is determined for the next generation
- b. Mercy and continuing to trust in God's anointing

#### Failure Moments

- a. David and Bathsheba – Lazy and complacent led to temptation, an abuse of power, adultery and murder
- b. Amnon and Absalom – Abdicating leadership authority, lack of discipline
- c. Census – Pride (forgetting that it was all the Lord's)

#### Redemption Moments

- a. David receives Nathan's rebuke and Joab's rebuke and he repents
- b. Psalm 51 displays his repentance
- c. David chooses to fall into the hand of the Lord



#### iv. **Finishing Leader**

##### Story Highlights

- a. David's Prepares Solomon and the People (2 Samuel 23:1-7, 1 Chronicles 22-29)

##### Faith Qualities

- a. Receiving and celebrating the Lord's plan for the next generation, and investing in it

### III. **Closing**

*My examples of amazing Finishing Leaders*

*Closing prayer - 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (READ)*