

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Bible Study Retreat**

**HOLY HUNGER**

*The Spiritual Passion of David*

**February 2-4, 2012  
Beach Colony Resort  
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# Schedule

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## **Thursday, February 2, 6:30 PM**

Rich Wilson	“Legendary Passion”
Rich Wilson	“A Passion for Music”
Larry Scott	“The Making of a Man of God”

## **Friday, February 3, 8:30 AM**

Rich Wilson	“A Passion for the Walk”
Michael Sims	“When Anger and Hate Are Okay”
Charles Wilson	“Overcoming Fear”

## **Friday Afternoon**

*Free Time*

## **Friday Evening, 7:30 PM**

Rich Wilson	“A Passion for Worship”
Ernie Hack	“The Characteristics of a Godly Believer”

## **Saturday, February 4, 8:15 AM**

Rich Wilson	“Passionate Confession”
Larry Scott	“Putting the Pieces Back Together Again”
Charles Wilson	“The Testimony of David”



# Legendary Passion

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## An Introduction by Rich Wilson

### Passion and the Passionate

David was a passionate man. This might be the biggest understatement of the entire retreat. Everything David did displayed passion.

**Passion** is defined as: *any powerful or compelling emotion or feeling.*

**Passionate** is defined as: *having, compelled by, or ruled by intense emotion or strong feeling.*

David lived with such passion that it can be seen in both his moments of greatness and in his moments of failure.

His passion for God puts him in a very small group of passionate followers. Maybe Moses, Paul and John can be included in this group, but it is a very small group.

In the remainder of this lesson we will look briefly at some moments of passion in the life of David. Some are good, others are not. In each we see his great passion.

### PassionPoint 1: Chosen for What Was On The Inside

### PassionPoint 2: Chosen For Saul's Service

**PassionPoint 3: The Passion to Stand Against Goliath**

**PassionPoint 4: Loyal and Faithful Friendship**

**PassionPoint 5: Restraint and Trust**

**PassionPoint 6: The Ark Comes to Jerusalem**

**PassionPoint 7: Bathsheba**

**PassionPoint 8: Confession**

**PassionPoint 9: Anguish**

**PassionPoint 10: Passion for God Until Death**

*We may not be able to be the man and live the most interesting life ever but we can live with great passion for God and His call.*

# A Passion for Music

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David had a passion for music. As a shepherd, his music served him well staving off boredom out in the fields. There was something deep in the heart of David that found its way out through the music of David. When God called David into

service this great gift came with him. God used this gift and this man to write the song book for both Judaism and Christianity.

## **A Title for David**

1 Samuel reveals a little known title for David.

The Sweet Psalmist of Israel

## **David and Instruments**

We all know about David's ability to write words which would become songs. David also knew how to play music and was a master at musical instruments.

-He played the harp for Saul. (1 Samuel 16:14-22)

-He wrote psalms for various instruments.

-He played many instruments.

-David provided instruments for the Levites to use in worship. (2 Chronicles 23:5)

-In Psalm 150 we are called to use lots of instruments.

### **David and Singing**

David personally loved to sing. He also called others to join in singing praise to God.

#### ***Singing to God***

Psalm 47:7 (NIV)

***For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing to him a psalm of praise.***

#### ***Sing New Songs, Be Skillful, and Be Loud***

Psalm 33:3 (NIV)

***Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully, and shout for joy.***

## *PassionPoints*

In the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, music plays an essential role in relating to God.

Music is a preferred way to express things to God and to express things about God.

Music is part our present and our future.

# The Making of a Man of God

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Larry Scott

## 1. David is anointed king (1 Sam.16:7)

### Characteristics of David's heart

- \_\_\_\_\_ on God
- Full of \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ by God
- His heart was set on \_\_\_\_\_
- He had a heart of \_\_\_\_\_
- His heart was assured of God's plans & \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ rested upon David

## 2. David & Goliath: the heart of a warrior (1 Sam. 17-18)

David is a picture of \_\_\_\_\_ Goliath is a picture of \_\_\_\_\_

Comparisons of David's enemy and Jesus' enemy:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10

**3. David's heart of Reconciliation for his enemies-Saul (1 Sam. 19:10-11, 18 & 24:1-7)**

David's response to Saul his enemy:

Jesus' response to those who crucified him:

**4. David's finest hour – a picture of a heart of grace: 2 Sam.9:1-13**

**God's grace does the following:**

- 1.
- 2.

3.

4.

5.

5. **David the poet – a Heart abandoned: (Psalms)**

6. **David's heart gone astray – God's greatest sorrow (2 Sam. 12:13)**

David's sin:

The \_\_\_\_\_ was removed, but the \_\_\_\_\_  
was not.

David represents that man at his best cannot accomplish;  
what only God can do.

David's sin reminds God of the importance of

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# A Passion for the Walk

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David loved God and demonstrated that love by walking with God both publically and privately. His public faith was seen on numerous occasions as he lived out his faith before the kingdom. His private faith is reflected in many of the Psalms.

What kind of walk with God did David demonstrate?

## **A Hunger for the Presence of God**

Psalm 122:1 (NIV)

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”*

## **An Insatiable appetite for the Word of God**

### **David Mentions the Word of God Right Away**

Psalm 1:2 (NIV)

*But his delight is in the law of the  
Lord, and on his law he meditates day  
and night.*

### **David Spoke Often of Meditating on God’s Word**

### **David Wrote Extensively Celebrating God’s Word**

### **David Understood the Great Worth of God’s Word**

Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

*Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light for my path.*

## **Bold and Open Communication with God**

### **David Prayed**

Psalm 17:6 (NIV)

*I call on you, O God, for you will answer me;  
give ear to me and hear my prayer.*

### **David Cried Out**

Psalm 55:17 (NIV)

*Evening, morning and noon  
I cry out in distress,  
and he hears my voice.*

### **David Begged and Pleaded With God**

Psalm 102:1-2 (NIV)

*(The notation with the Psalm) A prayer of an afflicted man. When he is faint and pours out his lament before the Lord.*

*Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
let my cry for help come to you.  
Do not hide your face from me  
when I am in distress.  
Turn your ear to me;  
when I call, answer me quickly.*

## **He Subjected Himself to Honest Self-Evaluation**

Self-evaluation is more than just a casual glance at yourself. It is a pleading for God to freely examine your life and expose what must be changed.

It is “self” because you willingly ask God to do it.

Psalm 26:2 (NIV)

*Test me, O Lord, and try me,  
examine my heart and my mind;*

### **He Practiced Confession**

Psalm 32:4-5 (NIV)

*For day and night  
your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was sapped  
as in the heat of summer. Selah  
Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and did not cover up my iniquity.  
I said, "I will confess  
my transgressions to the Lord"—  
and you forgave  
the guilt of my sin. Selah*

### **He Constantly Pursued Obedience**

Psalm 119:32 (NIV)

*I run in the path of your commands,  
for you have set my heart free.*

## *PassionPoints*

David had a “multi-dimensional” relationship with God. What are the different ways you walk with God on a regular basis?

Is there one particular way you feel you are like David in the way you walk with God?



# When Anger & Hate Are Okay

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## Michael Sims

Most memorized and famous of all Bible verses, John 3:16, is so popular because the theme can summarize all of Scripture; God \_\_\_\_\_.

Love is mentioned hundreds of times in Scripture. List some verses or references that talk about, or demonstrate, the love of God towards humanity, either specifically or in general terms:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

It is absolutely true that God is love, that God loves His creation, that God loves justice and holiness, and that 'love' doesn't exist outside of God.

### **Perfect Love Leads To Perfect Hate**

That love causes another characteristic that isn't nearly as popular: \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture teaches that hate on many levels is wrong and evil, so it's hard to picture a hateful God, or as we'll see in David's life, a hateful king.

*Leviticus 19:17-18*

*<sup>17</sup> “Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt. <sup>18</sup> “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.”*

*Matthew 5:43-44*

*<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.”*

*1 John 3:15*

*<sup>15</sup> Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*

*1 John 4:20*

*<sup>20</sup> If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?*

### **David's Angry Act of Hatred**

In this glimpse of a time in David's life we're going to examine where hate is okay, but still not contradictory to Scripture.

1 Samuel 17:17-50

<sup>26</sup> *Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy (defame or blaspheme) the armies of the living God?"*

<sup>42</sup> *And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking.* <sup>43</sup> *So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.* <sup>44</sup> *And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"* <sup>45</sup> *Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.* <sup>46</sup> *This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.* <sup>47</sup> *Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands."*

David murdered, not out of personal anger, but

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\*Remember, context is key!

Leviticus 19:17-18 – Do not hate a fellow Israelite

Matthew 5:43-44 – Jesus’ command was against personal vengeance and

Retaliation

1 John passages – Hates his ‘brother’

Scripture adamantly teaches against hating and resenting fellow brothers and sisters in the faith, but adamantly teaches to hate and resent the things God hates and resents.

There are 2 kinds of anger:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – James 1:19-20

Occurs when our personal preferences, feelings, opinions, or ideas are not responded to in the way we would like.

*This* kind of anger and hate is regularly rebuked and taught against!

2. \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Ephesians 5:1*

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.*

### **Does God hate?**

If so, what then, does God hate? What angers the Lord?

*Psalm 5:4-6*

*<sup>4</sup> For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. <sup>5</sup> The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. <sup>6</sup> You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.*

*Psalm 11:5*

*<sup>5</sup> The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.*

*Jeremiah 44:2-6*

*<sup>2</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'You have seen all the calamity that I have brought on Jerusalem and on all the cities of Judah; and behold, this day they are a desolation, and no one dwells in them, <sup>3</sup> because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke Me to anger, in that they went to burn incense and to serve other gods whom they did not know, they nor you nor your fathers. <sup>4</sup> However I have sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, "Oh, do not do this abominable thing that I hate!" <sup>5</sup> But they did not listen or incline their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods. <sup>6</sup> So My fury and My anger were poured out and kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as it is this day.'*

*Proverbs 6:16-19*

*<sup>16</sup> These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: <sup>17</sup> A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> A heart that devises wicked plans,*

*Feet that are swift in running to evil, <sup>19</sup> A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.*

So we see that God does hate. He despises unholiness. His wrath burns against blatant sinfulness. His holiness and justice require action.

God's anger and hatred towards sinfulness is vividly demonstrated in that:

God destroyed the world in

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God destroyed Sodom & Gomorrah in

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God requires a blood sacrifice for sin in

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God destroyed entire nations all throughout the

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God will eternally torture and punish sinners:

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*"These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

Righteous anger occurs when our love for the things God loves, and of God himself, is \_\_\_\_\_.

Righteous anger occurs when our pursuit of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is real enough to evoke action.

“The world and the Cross do not get along too well together, and comfort and holiness do not share the same room. “

Carlo Carretto

Love of God and His holiness \_\_\_\_\_ an anger and hate to swell inside of us!

*Psalm 97:10a*

*<sup>10</sup> You who love the LORD, hate evil!*

*Psalm 119:103-104, 113*

*<sup>103</sup> How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth! <sup>104</sup> Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way. <sup>113</sup> I hate the double-minded, But I love Your law.*

*Romans 12:9*

*<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.*

Strong, spiritually emotional responses \_\_\_\_\_.  
This is not optional!

Some anger and hate are actual manifestations of the Spirit of God \_\_\_\_\_.

“Holiness is the everyday business of every Christian. It evidences itself in the decisions we make and the things we do, hour by hour, day by day”

Chuck Colson, *Loving God*

## **Love requires service**

*Matthew 6:24*

<sup>24</sup> *“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

*Deuteronomy 10:12*

<sup>12</sup> *And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,*

## **Hate and anger also require a proper response:**

“Hate is like acid. It can damage the vessel in which it is stored as well as destroy the object on which it is poured. “

Ann Landers, *Bits & Pieces*, September 17, 1992, p. 3.

Isn't this what we want with the sin, the unholiness, in our lives?

God's anger and hate of sinfulness leads towards discipline, towards just punishment, and towards death.

*Our* anger and hatred towards sinfulness leads towards appropriate action as well:

*1 Peter 2:1*

<sup>1</sup> *Therefore, RID yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.*

*Romans 6:12-13a*

*<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness,*

*2 Corinthians 7:1*

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us PURIFY ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.*

*Galatians 5:19-24*

*<sup>19</sup> The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have CRUCIFIED the flesh with its passions and desires.*

\*This principle is also seen in the many laws of God, and teachings on church discipline.

### **A Hateful Man After God's Own Heart?**

David's response to Goliath was not based on personal feelings or opinions, but rather the passion for God's holiness

that he had. Goliath blasphemed God and threatened to continually oppress His people. Justice was required.

*Psalm 139: 21-24*

*<sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you? <sup>22</sup> I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies. <sup>23</sup> Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. <sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

David lived in such a way that His heart was so in tune with God's that he was able to discern healthy, righteous anger versus human anger.

### **How Should We Then Live?**

- Be intolerant of sin in your own life
- Be intolerant of sin in the church
- Be intolerant of sin in the world in which we live

\*Actively seek to cleanse these circles of the unrighteousness and unholiness that remain

- Pray for God's mercy and compassion to overwhelm the sinners (either yourself or another) before praying for God's judgment.

- Never seek personal satisfaction or retaliation, even if you have been sinned against.

### **Characteristics of Righteous Anger and Hatred:**

Bob Deffinbaugh, in his study of Ephesians 4:26-27 (www.bible.org) cites the following examples of characteristics of anger that is righteous, which can be distinguished from unholy wrath:

**(1) Godly anger is God-like anger; it is an expression of the anger which God has toward the actions of men.** Godly people are angry when God is angry. It is anger which is consistent with the holy and righteous character of God.

**(2) Godly anger is legal anger.** It is wrath based upon men's violation of God's law, and it is anger which is lawfully expressed. The Old Testament Law not only revealed that conduct which was unacceptable to God, making Him angry, but what the consequences of God's anger would be. Godly anger is not vigilante justice, it is legal justice. Those who hate abortion but express their anger in the burning of abortion clinics (and thereby endangering other lives) are not expressing their anger legally.

**(3) Godly anger is not explosive, but is only slowly provoked.**

*Exodus 34:6*

*<sup>6</sup>Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth.*

Repeatedly, God warned sinful Israel through the prophets before pouring out His wrath on them. God's anger does not have a hair trigger.

**(4) God does not take pleasure in expressing His anger in the judgment of men.**

*2 Peter 3:9*

*<sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*

**(5) Godly anger is always under control.** Godly anger does not lose its temper. Ungodly anger is excessive and abusive; godly anger never is. Godly anger is always under the control of the one expressing it, rather than anger taking control of them.

*Psalm 78:38*

*But He, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity, and did not destroy them; and often He restrained His anger, and did not arouse all His wrath.*

# Overcoming Fear

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**Charles Wilson**

**Psalm 27:1-14**

It was March 4, 1933. The United States was in the terrifying grip of economic depression. The newly elected president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, believed that the greatest problem was not the absence of finances but the presence of fear. In his inaugural address, he spoke one sentence that has often been quoted: “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”

Fear is defined as a strong unpleasant feeling caused by being aware of danger or expecting something bad to happen.

Fear is a real problem for many people. Doctors tell us that fear performs a physical function because it triggers certain glands in the body that, in turn, release substances that enable us to do amazing things. But when fear grips our lives, the effects both physically and spiritually can be paralyzing.

No one knows when David wrote Psalm 27. It may have been during the time King Saul was hounding him, or when his own son Absalom turned against him. But we do know that David was facing his enemies and was tempted to be afraid.

But David did not give into his fears; and in the Psalm we can trace his experiences and discover how we can have victory over fear.

**1. Confidence in God – Psalm 27:1-6**

**a.** His protection – vv. 1-3

**b.** His presence – v. 4

**c.** His provision – v. 5

**d.** The psalmists promise – v. 6

**2. Conquest through prayer – Psalm 27:7-14**

**a.** Expecting God's answers – v. 7

**b.** Obeying God's instruction – v. 8

**c.** Requesting God's accessibility – vv. 9-10

**d.** Asking for God's way – v.11

**e.** Seeking God's protection – v. 12

**f.** Anticipating God's goodness – v. 13

**g.** Awaiting God's response – v. 14

Conclusion

# A Passion for Worship

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## **Rich Wilson**

David was a man who had a passion for expression unto God. Obviously the Psalms reflect this deep passion. David loved to express his heart unto God through worship.

### **An Invitation**

Psalm 95:6 (NIV)

*Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;*

### **David Lead the Nation in Worship**

2 Samuel 6:5 (NIV)

*David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, sistrums and cymbals.*

### **David Painted Beautiful Pictures of Worship**

Psalm 29:1-11 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*
- <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.*
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.*
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful;*

*the voice of the Lord is majestic.*

*<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of  
Lebanon.*

*<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
Sirion like a young wild ox.*

*<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord strikes  
with flashes of lightning.*

*<sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;  
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.*

*<sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord twists the oaks  
and strips the forests bare.*

*And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"*

*<sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.*

*<sup>11</sup> The Lord gives strength to his people;  
the Lord blesses his people with peace.*

## **David Aided a Nation in Preparing for Worship**

The Psalms of Ascent

David modeled worship without restraint. He was not irreverent, just free!

## *PassionPoints*

What is your biggest fear in the area of worship?

When do you feel most free in worship?

# The Characteristics of a Godly Believer

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**Ernie Hack**

**Please refer to a separate  
note set for  
this lesson!**



# Passionate Confession

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**Rich Wilson**

David's failure is probably just as famous as his successes. When we are young we are taught certain stories about David. As we grow up we learn the darker parts of his story. While David's passion lead him to great heights that very same passion lead him to a low place.

We see the confession of David revealed in two ways. First we see it as a narrative in 2 Samuel 12. We then read it as a prayer in Psalm 51.

## **A Quick Comparison**

The accounts of David's confession, first to the prophet Nathan and then to God *match*.

One is short (2 Samuel 12)

One is long (Psalm 51)

Both own the sin

Both reveal that David knew he sinned against God.

*2 Samuel 12:13- "I have sinned against the Lord."*

*Psalm 51:4- "Against you, you only, have I sinned."*

## **A Thought to Ponder**

The passion of David's confession matched the passion of his sin. How often do we confess our sin with the same level of passion we had when we committed our sin?

### **PassionPoints from Psalm 51**

#### **PassionPoint 1:**

Verses 1-2- Have mercy on me!

#### **PassionPoint 2:**

Verses 3- The inescapable truth of my sin!

#### **PassionPoint 3:**

Verse 4- You are right, My God!

#### **PassionPoint 4:**

Verse 6- Teach me truth!

#### **PassionPoint 5:**

Verses 7, 9 and 10- Cleanse me!

**PassionPoint 6:**

Verses 11-12- I want to be close to You again!

**PassionPoint 7:**

Verses 13-14- I have learned, and I will show it!

**PassionPoint 8:**

Verses 16-17- My heart, My heart!



# Putting the Pieces Back Together Again

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Larry Scott

What does it look like when our lives are shattered into pieces because of our sin? How do we pick up the pieces and put them back together again?

This is called \_\_\_\_\_. (Only God can bring restoration)

This is the place where David finds himself. He has committed adultery with Bathsheba, and killed her husband. He came to God to \_\_\_\_\_ his sin . Though his sin was removed, there were still \_\_\_\_\_.

Restoration is a \_\_\_\_\_ and does not happen overnight.

When we read this passage it makes us ask questions.

- Why is the baby being punished?
- Where is the mercy and kindness of God?
- Why is God being so cruel to kill the child?

\*\*\*The reality is that the baby's death is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the sin of David and Bathsheba.

David begins to take steps toward picking up the pieces. In this process he is restored back to God.

### **Step 1 (vs 16-18)**

David \_\_\_\_\_ seeks the Lord

(David's praying, fasting and seeking is about his broken relationship with God)

These things led to David's broken relationship with God.

- He no longer led the armies to battle
- He stopped going to the temple to worship
- He chose to "lie around the palace" all day
- He tried to "keep up appearances" (protect his public image)

### **Step 2 (Vs 19)**

David accepts God's discipline in his life

David did not get bitter or angry with God (which makes matters worse)

Accepting God's discipline is a \_\_\_\_\_ we make.

We forget that God disciplines those whom he loves ...as a father disciplines his children.

We must remember that through Jesus we are forgiven in an \_\_\_\_\_, but we are \_\_\_\_\_ over time.

God loves \_\_\_\_\_, so he must discipline \_\_\_\_\_

### **Step 3 (Vs 20)**

David CHOSE to give God glory in the midst of his discipline.

To be restored, we must come to the place where we are able to look at our pain, sorrow, and discipline, and CHOOSE to say "God is good, He will restore me, my failure does not diminish His glory"

### **Step 4 (Vs 22)**

David ANTICIPATED and HOPED IN God's grace, even thru the consequences.

This kind of hope can only be born out of a strong, intimate love for God

This kind of hope speaks to the \_\_\_\_\_ of David's heart toward God

David knew the character of God.

- Because of David's surrender to God, we can see God's response to him (Vs 24-25)
- He gave David a son (Solomon) . He told him to call him \_\_\_\_\_ , which means the one beloved by God)
- An odd way to end the story.... Chapter 12 ends with the account of a battle scene with the Ammonites. WHY?

Here we see the full circle. David is back leading his army into battle, he has been RESTORED.

This should give us hope! God restored David because David RESPONDED correctly to God. He CAN and is WILLING to restore us when our lives are shattered because of our sin.

WITH GOD THERE ARE NO "HUMPTY-DUMPTY" people!!

# The Testimony of David

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**Psalm 40**

A testimony is an eye-witness account of a specific act that God has performed in a person's life.

In Psalm 40 David looks back and recalls the mighty power of God in his life.

**1. David waits patiently before the Lord – v. 1**

**2. God responded – vv. 1-3.**

a. He turned His ear toward David.

**b.** He heard David's cry.

**c.** He lifted David out of a slimy pit.

**d.** He set David's feet on a rock.

**e.** He gave David a firm place to stand.

**f.** He put a new song in David's mouth.

**3. The result of David's cry and God's response – v.  
3, 9-10**

**a.** Many will see and fear God.

**b.** Many will put their trust in God.

**c.** Righteousness will be proclaimed.

**d.** God's grace and mercy will not be concealed.

**4. Life-changing lessons learned from David's testimony.**

**a.** The key to true happiness is found in trust  
– v. 4.

**b.** God wants us not just our religious activities – vv. 6-7.

**c.** There is no excuse for not exalting the Lord – v. 16.

Conclusion