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We think of David in terms of his great faith and achievements.

Although David slew giants, there were giants that slew David.

The Bible doesn't ignore the reality of a person's life.

We can learn from David's great faith and David's great mistakes.

David was completely NORMAL.

David was as flawed as perhaps anyone you know.

When others see a "shepherd boy," God sees a King.

The Life of David

- Overlooked and underappreciated
- Adulterer
- Murderer
- Family Dysfunction

David knew regret.

<u>II Samuel 18:33</u> – Then the king broke into tears, and went up to his room over the gate, crying as he went. "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom. If only I could have died for you! O Absalom, my son, my son."

In spite of all of this, the Bible declares that Jesus sat on the Throne of David, not the throne of an adulterer or murderer.

The Throne of a forgiven man

<u>Psalm 51:1-2,7,10,14</u> – Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. ² Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.

Jesus died to restore you and me to fellowship with God and to our purpose for living.

⁷ Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me.

¹⁴ Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.