

David, Christ & You

David and You

- Psalm 51
- We have looked at the example of David in:
 - Good vs. Evil - David and Goliath
 - Good befriending Good - David and Jonathan
 - Good succumbing to Evil - David and Bathsheba
 - And then repenting of it...
- Our goal was to compare ourselves with David, and learn from his example...
 - Are you like David?
- Do you really believe that God can save you from your sins?
- Romans 4:6-8 - “Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.”
- Jesus did...
 - Luke 11:2-4 - “And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.”
- David and Bathsheba...

- Psalm 51:1-4 - “Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.”
- David understood his sinfulness...
- Wasn't deceived or deluded by his selfish mind...
- Understood that God was more powerful than all that...
- God is more powerful than your absolute worse sin...
- Psalm 51 is a testament to David's repentance
 - Let's look at the attitude of David here...
 - Psalm 51:1-4
- David knew God...
 - He knew what God was like, and what he wants from us...
 - Psalm 51:6 - “Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.”
- He also knew that he wasn't good enough...
 - He realized that he needed God's help to make him into the man he should be
 - Psalm 51:10 - “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”
- What is it that God wants?
 - Psalm 51:16-17 - “For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

- Psalm 17:3-4 - “Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress. Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.”
- Are you like David?...
- Are you “a man after God’s own heart”?
- Acts 13:22-23 - “And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:”
- Jesus was...
 - John 14:6-9 - “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?”
- What is God like?
 - 1st John 4:15-17 - “Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.”
- God is love... “Yeah? What does that mean?”
- Love is Godly... Kind, Long-Suffering, Is not easily provoked...
- Are you like David?
 - Do you have some of his bad qualities?
- Are you “a violent person”?

- 1st Chronicles 28:3-4 - “But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood. Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make me king over all Israel.”
- Jesus wasn't:
 - Matthew 5:38-39 - “Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.”
 - God does not want to dwell in a house built with “bloody hands”...
 - 1st Corinthians 3:16-17 - “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.”
 - We are the building that God has chosen to dwell in...
 - He wants us to live “peaceably with all men”...
 - Not forcing our wills upon others, or bullying our ideas through...
- Are you like David?
- Do you “sing a new song”?
- Psalms 149:1 - “Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.”
 - Creativity - God is creative - He wants that
- Jesus was:
 - John 1:1-3 - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

- Matthew 7:28-29 - “And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”
- Matthew 13:13 - “Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.”
- Look up “New Song” someday...
- God is looking for something “new” from us...
- Something personal... • Read Psalm 153 & 155
- Write a Poem
- Write a Song
- Draw a picture... Dedicated to your God
- Are you like David?
- Do you consider God worthy of your praise?
- Psalm 150:2 - “Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.”
- Jesus did:
 - Luke 11:2 - “And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.”
 - If we truly did... We really would...
 - We praise him through our hymns, in our prayers, and with our actions...
- Psalm 150:6 - “Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.”
- The theory....
 - “When you read the bible, look for two people in the story... Jesus and yourself”

- We've spent some time looking at David...
 - We saw Jesus
 - And I hope you saw YOURSELF!
- Three different kinds of stories...
 - Example, Association and Contrast:
 - 1) David as an example of Christ
 - 2) David AND his friend BOTH acting as examples of Christ
 - 3) NEITHER David nor those around him acting Christlike
- We found that it was fairly easy to see Christ in all of these examples...
 - But, the really important, really valuable lesson for us was to see OURSELVES in these lessons...
 - To CHANGE yourself to be more like David... More like Christ!