

Acts 13:22

And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'

To get started today, let's first read two more verses in regards to King David.

† **1 Samuel 17:4** *And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.*

† **2 Samuel 11:3** *So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"*

We all want to be like King David, who God said about him that he was “*a man after My own heart*” Yet, I think we are all, in a sense, like King David, only some identify with David and Goliath, while others identify with David and Bathsheba, because not only did God say about David that he was “*a man after My own heart*” but also that he, “*will do all My will.*”

When David was young and not even the king yet, is when David killed Goliath, and he did because he trusted and put his faith in God to defeat his enemies.

† **1 Samuel 17:45-46** *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. 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.*

David did God's will by defeating the enemy of Israel, who was Goliath, just like those who are totally trusting in God to deliver them from whatever is going on in their life right now, are those who can identify with David and Goliath, because even though they are struggling, they know they are in the will of God and trusting in Him to deliver them.

But then there are those who have gotten more comfortable in their walk with the Lord, and are slacking off and they are slowly going back to their old ways of life, keeping more busy with the things of this world instead of the things of God. Jesus addressed this with the church in Ephesus when He said to them, “*Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place-- unless you repent.*” **Revelation 2:5**

That's where King David was, he was so confident in himself then in his walk with God, so much so that he thought he could do and have anything that he wanted, and it became all about him and his needs and wants, and not the needs of the people that God had given him to lead, who was Israel. And in that lust for his flesh to be fed, King David sinned with the wife of one of his 30 mighty men, who was Uriah, the husband of Bathsheba.

† **2 Samuel 11:4** *Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house.*

King David was confronted two years later about his sin with Bathsheba, and in that confrontation, King David repented and God forgave Him.

† **2 Samuel 12:13** *So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die."*

So, if you have been like the David and Goliath follower of God, awesome, keep on keeping on in the path the Lord has set before you. But if you have been the David and Bathsheba lately thinking of yourself and falling back into the world and being complacent about your walk with the Lord, you can still be like King David, the one who acknowledged his sin, confessed it to God and repented, and you will be forgiven, just like King David.

† **1 John 1:9** *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

† **Romans 4:6-8 (NLT2)** *David also spoke of this when he described the happiness of those who are declared righteous without working for it: "Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight. Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of sin."*