

DAVID

David is one of the most talked about men throughout the Bible. He's a young man when we first read about him in God's Word. At that time, he's a shepherd and the youngest son of Jesse. The Bible describes David this way:

"Now he was ruddy (healthy-looking), with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance." 1 Samuel 16:12 ESV

We also learn that God chose David to become king over the Jews instead of Saul, and that God described David as ***"a man after my own heart."*** Acts 13:22 EXV

What does it mean to have a heart after God's? Let's look at Acts 13:22 for our answer:



"God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'" (NLT)



Circle every reference to David (including "he" and "him"). What do you learn about David?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Let's see if you saw what I saw:

"God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'"

1. God chose David to be king. (That tells me that God chooses our leaders!)
2. David was the son of Jesse and a man after God's own heart.
3. David would do everything God wants him to do. (This tells me that God had some important assignments for David to do!)

Notice that the author here says David is "a man", not "the only man" after God's own heart. Do you suppose we can have a heart after God's? What would it take for God to say that about us? (Check answer 3 above for our answer!)



David wasn't a perfect man. He made some bad choices over his lifetime – just like we do sometimes. But the Bible shows us that David tried to do everything God wanted him to do.

David had a crazy life – but let's leave it there for today and look at his life again soon.

PRAYER

God, thank You for sharing the story of David with us and showing us that we can have a special relationship with You if we try to do what You ask us to do. It's something that's hard but You've promised in Your Word to help us know what is right through your Spirit.

Amen.

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