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## **King David: A great Leader, a Fully Human “Man of God”**

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### **Calling David to Mind:**

- What overall phrase best describes his soul? His spiritual life?
- What do you think was his greatest driving desire in life?
- What were two or three things that deeply shaped his heart and spirituality for good?
- What were two or three “matters of the heart” that needed spiritual healing over the course of his life (areas of blindness, weakness, or crass failure)?
- What were his greatest spiritual mistakes, and what do they represent in terms of his heart?
- How would you describe (summarize) his life and leadership? What single event most pictures & reveals who he really was

### **Shaping Forces of His Soul – and How He Responded to those Forces**

- Childhood / Boyhood:
  - Factors, Observations & Questions:
  - How did these possible factors shape his soul?
- Poetry & Music:
  - How did this “bent” shape his soul? His heart-desires?
- Anointing by the Holy Spirit
  - How did this even shape his soul? How did he respond?
- Battle & Warfare:
  - Factors, Observations & Questions:
  - How did these possible factors shape his soul?
- Jealousy & Persecution
  - How did he respond? How did this shape his soul?

- Unmet Longings for Achievement:
  - How did he respond?
- Women: Michal, Abigail, Bathsheba
  - What role did these women play in his life and leadership?

## **The Spirituality of His Leadership**

- Nature of his Relationship with God: The Pursuit of God, Passion for God
- Praise & Prayer / Dependence
- Teachability & Transformation:
- Honesty & Transparency / Confessional Life
- Social Virtues: How did he treat others?
- Humility, Servanthood, & Submission to God?
- Faithfulness

## **His Deeply Unhealed Places**

- Power & Sex
- Fathering
- Moments of Presumptive Action

## **In the end, what vices and mistakes did he avoid, by God's grace?**

In the story of "Christian" leaders and their successes, there are no blow-outs, only slow leaks. So for a man to endure till the end in faithfulness is a massive statement: the leaks and puncture-holes were patched properly.

## **Final Analysis**

In the story of "Christian" leaders and their successes, there must be causes adequate for the effects of their work. (Cf 1 Thess 1-2)

So what are the crucial causes by which David developed, maintained, and grew his spiritual life?