

THE LIFE OF DAVID THE MESSAGE CONNECT

The Message Connect is a devotion that goes deeper into Sunday morning's message, intentionally connecting it to our lives throughout the week. Through a 15-20 minute video and discussion guide, we challenge everyone to go deeper in their faith because we believe growing people change for God's glory and their God-honoring life purpose.

WEEK EIGHT: FINAL DAYS

Go online to ringgoldchurch.com/themessageconnect to watch this week's Message Connect video.

Series Overview:

Every hero has flaws, even the ones we read about in the Bible. In the life of David—a king of Israel and a man after God's own heart—we see a hero with glimpses of greatness and wounds of pride. Through David's failures, challenges, and triumphs, we see a greater Hero. The hero was not David, but God Himself. God humbled David and pointed people back to the one, true, King.

Key Scriptures:

1 King 2:1-4

Next Steps:

1. Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

Do you ever catch yourself doing or saying something that reminds you of your parents?

2. Start Thinking. Ask a thoughtful question.

When you think of legacy, what comes to mind? What kind of legacy do you want to leave?

3. Start Sharing. Here are questions to help you dig deeper into God's Word.

1 Kings 2:1-4: What stands out to you about this passage?

David doesn't start with what Solomon should do. Instead, he starts with who he should be. The Bible says that strength comes from who we are, not what we do. How would you define strength? Where do you find your strength?

Why do you think David's last words to Solomon focused so much on his identity?

When we finally understand who we are, then we will know what to do. Do you know who you are, because of Jesus? Do you identify as a child of God?

Do you find yourself ignoring the ordinary moments throughout your week to represent God, thinking He only works through the spectacular moments? If so, why?

David tells Solomon that because of who he is, he must stand on the Word of God. What does "standing on the Word of God" look like for you and your house?

Matthew 1:6 "And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah." David's greatest failure was recorded in the family tree of Jesus, and Jesus redeemed it. How have you seen God redeem failure in your life? How is He redeeming failure in your life right now?

4. Start Praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

Take some time to pray over identified action steps and life issues. Pray that God would continue to actively grow and mature you in Christ.

Pray for God to open doors and that you would listen to the Holy Spirit this week.

5. Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

How do you think God wants to use you in the position you're in this week?

For more information about taking the next steps in your faith, visit: ringgoldchurch.com/nextsteps.

LET PASTOR DON LEAD YOUR DISCUSSION.

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