

Computer Generated Transcript - We're going to launch into. Our second sermon on our study of King David last week we started this series and we talked about. David and Goliath probably the most famous story of David maybe with the exception of the death and resurrection of Jesus maybe the most famous story in the entire Bible if you only know one story about David you probably know David and Goliath right if you don't know any stories maybe that's brand new but that is a story that most people know and as we talked about it last week what really sets David apart isn't the fact that he killed Goliath it's about the fact that he saw Goliath for what he was and he saw God for who he was and he allowed God to fight on his behalf and God to want a victory that David could never have won without God. Could never have won without God and that was really the whole point of the story wasn't Look how awesome David is it's look how amazing God is all right that's really the theme of that entire story and so now we're going to be launching into this this week to we're going to tell another story from David's life we're going to look at another one we're going to be in first Samuel I'm not going to tell you quite where yet but I want you to understand as we go through this that there is a common theme throughout Scripture and really today that's carried over and it's kind of this the ways of God seem absolutely the most unappealing to us or maybe even the ways of God See most irrelevant to us when we are bored angry isolated or afraid. We're bored we're angry we're isolated and we're afraid the ways of God just seem completely unappealing seem even offensive sometimes to us when we're in that state of mind. In that state of mind we will often go in places we never thought we would go we would will go crashing through barriers and lives through through through our different our different thoughts on how far we would go in some different way but when those things kind of rain and rule in our lives it takes us places we never want to if you think about your greatest regret in life like the thing you regret most most of us probably have one of those four things attached to it isolation anger boredom or fear. And they took us to that place where we had no intention of ever going. And most likely if we have some big regret in the future. One of those four things will be involved. You'll do just about anything to change those four feelings right if you're feeling afraid you're going to do something to change it. If you feel isolated or abandoned you're going to do something to change it if you fear feel bored a lot of times we do things to change that we would never do. We feel angry. We just make poor decisions all the way around. You've heard that you know statement just go with your gut friend right follow your heart and all of your life will just make sense that is the worst advice anybody could ever give another human being your heart is deceptive sound familiar your heart is fleeting its vain sound familiar maybe in the New Testament those things change with the way I am no feelings change what we know to be true and we follow our hearts into the most horrible mistakes of our lives so many times. So we're. What's the result we make a bad decision and then we usually just stick with it and things go and things don't usually get better they get worse when we make a decision that's based on one of those four things. We look at David David is known or David really has to huge failures associated in his life one of them is probably the second most famous story of David if you only know two stories of David you probably know David and Goliath and David and Bathsheba right I mean he is known for that story people relate to that don't make that mistake right I would argue that boredom played a huge role in his fall with Bathsheba the king was not where he was supposed to be he was not doing what he was supposed to do and he was bored at home and it led to Bathsheba that's not what we're talking about today though we're going to talk about the other one we're going to be in first Samuel again that second story with passion about happen after David was kid he was probably in his mid fifty's about that time David had too many wives to begin with and then he had another wife and listen I'm going to tell you one of the things that I know from Scripture one of the things that I see always is if you have a favorite wife you have too many wives all right that never wound up good for anybody in the bible having having multiple wives and never turned out as a positive thing OK but that's not what we're talking about today David has this other failure and it may be as catastrophic in his life is the other one was I We can't rate these things there's no way to really pinpoint those things but it has huge consequences he's not as famous for this one but the consequences for this one played out in everybody else's life All right David was about fifteen he was a middle aged teenager right when

he. He fought Goliath OK when he goes and he stands in the Valley of Elah and he stands across from Goliath and God delivers him David is right around fifteen years old he's a punk All right he's a fifteen year old freshman in high school who thinks he knows everything right way that's not there but that's your fifteen year old. This story David isn't is early twenty's about seven years has passed David's about twenty two years old when we pick up this story all right he he fights Goliath Saul after David kills Goliath realizes that David has enormous potential and David kills Goliath and he becomes probably the most famous man in the Israel right and they start singing these songs Saul is killed is thousands but David is killed as ten thousand David becomes instantly recognizable and in that he begins to whip wield influence right when you become a hero even if you don't want to wield influence you have it right people watch what you do and people model what you do and that begins to happen and this becomes a gigantic threat to an insecure King. OK it's a giant threat we see that David has offered one of Saul's daughters for killing to live and at that point in time David does not take advantage of that it might be because he doesn't feel like his family has enough faith in the marriage to the kidding or maybe maybe it's just that he's fifteen and he's not ready to get married yet right but he's going through this eventually as time goes by David falls in love with Michael another one of Saul's daughters OK he falls in love with her they get married then David becomes best friend with Saul's oldest son and heir OK His name was Jonathan. The next thing Saul realizes is maybe having David in my. House isn't the best thing for me is king because David is an influential person David is a charismatic person David goes out and he does all of these amazing things and really what's happening David that he becomes the head of souls body guard listen I need to hear that because that's going to come into play but David becomes a bigger and a bigger threat to the kingdom of Saul in Saul's mind. And soul decides on more than one occasion that it's time to get rid of David so he sends them on these impossible missions he sends them on these these military conquest that are absolutely impossible. And David always pulls off the impossible he is the all original Ethan Hunt all right he he goes and he said he's used by God and he pulls these things off and he comes back every time and then as time goes on we see that so all his has finally had enough and he finds out that every time he sets up a trap for David his own daughter and son are helping David avoid these traps and one night at dinner it finally comes to a head one night at dinner Saul has just had enough dinner in this day and age by the way is a gigantic deal this is the formal meal of the day if you are invited to dinner at the king's table that is a gigantic honor David as Sol's bodyguard David as Sol's. Son in law used to come to this but he's been missing it more and more often and Jonathan is making excuse after excuse for him and one night Saul loses it first Samuel Chapter twenty verse thirty OK First Samuel Chapter twenty we're in verse thirty I'm going to read this out of the end I ask you first just because it's probably more palatable for you and then I'm going to switch to the L.T. that's the version I usually read and I want to finish reading out of the L.T. All right so first Samuel chapter two. Any verse thirty. So loses it then Saul's anger burned against Jonathan and he said to him You son of a perv urse rebellious woman. Then L.T. says Sol boiled with Ranger Jonathan you stupid son of a whore he swore at him. For the family meal. She might have been sitting there right as the mother to his hair she might be there that would be an uncomfortable moment. Do you think I don't know that you want him to be king in your place shaming yourself in your mother you can't leave John's mom out of it. As long as that son of Jesse is alive you'll never became Now go and get him so I can kill him. Saul's done. He's had enough Listen this isn't just a threat to him this is a this is a threat to his legacy Jonathan is supposed to be the heir and Jonathan is best friends with the guy who's been anointed to replace him. All right and Saul is set Jonathan goes and they set up this big thing ahead of this time he tells David it's not enough for you just not to come to dinner you need to get out of here you need to go all right and all of a sudden David the most famous man in Israel David the giant killer David the captain of the king's bodyguard David the son in law of the King David the only one who can play music that will call down the King when he's in a terrible thing is homeless and he's rejected and he's on the run for his life. And you need to get that because when we read through these stories so many times we forget that there are real. Human emotions attached to what is going on we've heard these stories so many times that we

forget these are real people in real circumstances that aren't fun. The very man that David is trying to help has absolutely wrong him. The very most powerful man in the kingdom is out to kill him you think there might have been a little fear. You think there might have been a little bit of feeling of rejection in this you think there might have been some anger issues that David was deep dealing with as he was trying to come to grips with the fact that his father in law who he has risked his life for over and over again is now hunting him like a dog. And in these feelings despite David's great faith like we talked about last time despite the fact that David pins I will trust in you God All the day long they've had panics. And he takes matters into his own hands. David reacts probably out of fear probably out of hunger or probably out of desperation. And he runs. To a place that he knows OK and we'll get into that in just a second but I want you to I want you to just think. I want you to get yourself in this frame of mind. And I want you to think about those times when you've been scared or those times when you felt rejected and abandoned those times you've been angry and what were the end results of the decisions you made in that moment before we just cast a stone at David let's put ourselves in the shoes and let's think about the stupid things we've done when we've felt the same emotions that he's feeling right now. David doesn't know the end of the story David doesn't. No he'll eventually be king. David just knows he's twenty two and on the run. For Samuel twenty one verse one. So if David went down or which David went to the town of not to see him Aleck the priest This is pretty Temple days right real quick we're going to do some Bible trivia for all you scholars who built the actual temple of God. Say it loud. Solomon David collected all the stuff to build the temple of God and his son Solomon is the one who actually builds the temple Solomon isn't breathing oxygen yet OK so there is no temple meeting that the high priest is located at the place where the tabernacle is remember all the way back at the end of Exodus when you read through those six chapters that are incredibly boring as they list out every single detail and building material to build that tabernacle with like a follows in years before this that's still in existence that is where God's presence is that's where the ark of the Covenant is that's where the high priest is and they would move that from town to town in Israel wherever the safest area was in the country they would move it around and now it's in Knob and so that's why David is going there is going to consult the high priest and that's where that it's important to remember the temple would be there all right every time David goes there he sees the he sees a him he gets the seeing or he gets he gets advice and this time he goes and you can see as you read this story that him like gets that sums off. But he trusts David Kay to him like understand something is missing from the story but he trusts David. Continuing on in verse one of him Aleck trembled when he saw him OK to him like is terrified when he sees David why are you alone he asks why. Is no one with you listen the king of Saul's bodyguard David the giant killer David the man who goes and fights against the Philistines left and right doesn't travel alone. David is always at the head of some military conquest when David's come when you hear him comment. Why are you alone why is no one with you. And David does something here. That might seem innocent. But the consequences shake the fabric of Israel. He tells a lie. He's afraid. Maybe angry feeling isolated abandoned. He does what so many of us do. Rather than tell the truth just one little lie. One little lie. First to the king is sent me on a private matter. David said he told me not to tell anyone why I am here I have told my men to meet where or I have told my men where to meet me later it's not true. It's untrue what is it. A lie there is no no gray area here this is one of the Big ten that was shalt not from the Ten Commandments This is one of them do you realize that as David is talking to him like he has within feet of the Holy of Holies where the ark of the covenant would rest. And inside of that Ark If you start of the Old Testament it tells us the original tablets for the ten commandments are in there where God wrote home in stone that house shalt not lie David tells a lie to the High Priest that close to the. Original ten. OK. It's important for us to get some of this stuff. The line is lame but there it is anybody who knows David is like really sold the king's awesome plan is in the commander by himself somewhere and have the army meet him up later most of you would probably see through that. But this is David he's not supposed to be a liar. This lie. Will cost him a lakh and his entire family their lives. This one little lie. Cost not David his life but him a lack of his whole family. Their lives. First three now what is there he give me five loaves of bread or

anything else you have again this is kind of a weird thing so salsa as you want to see her mission. You're going to meet your army later and it's so secret you can't carry food. Right like you don't even have a snack you're going to come to the temple where there's only ever one kind of bread the consecrated bread only for the priests I know this doesn't make a lot of sense if you don't Old Testament history I'm not going to go into it all but this is only for the the priest verse where we don't have any regular bread the priest replied but there's the holy bread which you can have if your young men have not slept with any women recently it's part of the deal Old Testament stuff. David again lies to be fed now. Now he's lying just to get some food. OK. He's misplaced his trust his trust is no longer in God all the day long his trust is in his line to get what he needs. And now it's about to get real. OK. Verse eight David asked him a lecture Do you have a spear or sword. The king's business was so urgent that I didn't even have time to grab a weapon. If you were watching a movie. This is where the dun dun dun would be OK This is the that's where this would come up right now because you're in the heart of the lie again to him a lackey is probably looking at this thinking Are you kidding me your secret mission is so secret that the captain of the guard doesn't even have a single weapon on him. It's a lame lie. And yet it's another lie right. Something God used to put David on the map is about to come into play here again person I am I only have the sword of Goliath the philistine who you whom you killed in the Valley of Elah the priest replied that is wrapped in cloth behind the take that if you want it for there is nothing else here. The only weapon here is the weapon of the man that David trusted God to deliver him from. We know from from scripture if you read back in that story that David originally kept a sort of Goliath he kept it as a souvenir but then eventually he wants it to be used for God's glory because he realizes the wasn't me that fought the battle that day it was God So he gives it to the temple for it to be stored as kind of a kingdom keep sake as a as a reminder that God prevailed that day but this should have jog his memory back to that day this should have been like Oh yeah. God used me that day God's hand of protection was on on me that day this is seven years later but can't you just imagine this twenty two year. And seeing this sort again for the first time in years how he instantly would have gone back to that moment you have things in your life that are like that right every time you see Phil in the blanks you think of whatever it was that reminds you of this sword would have been that from David God is giving David a way out first Corinthians ten thirteen says no temptation has overtaken you but such is common to man but God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able but with that temptation will provide a way of escape also so that you will be able to endure it listen I want you to hear me for a second I want to rabbit trail OK you ready for this I'm going to I'm going to move from David and I just want to talk about this verse this verse is the verse where the thought God will never give you anything you can't handle comes from OK That thought is absolutely in Holy not in the Bible. God gives us things we can't handle I shouldn't say God Things happen in life all of the time that we cannot handle. Imagine losing a child. Imagine bankruptcy imagine fill in the blanks for you losing a parent imagine cancer things happen in life all of the time that are bigger than us that is not what this verse is saying now listen God is with us God can carry us through things nothing is bigger than God But that's not what this verse is saying this verse is saying temptation will come and it's going to be overpowering but it's common everybody deals with it God will give you in this state. It's not that you stand in the path of temptation It's that God will give you a way to get out of the temptation. That's what's happening in David's story we're back on the path OK I'm spinning everywhere I'm really glad there's no one right here. We're back on the path. God has given David the wrong. Minder he should have heeded to run away from this situation if David at this point in time would have said I'm sorry I'm a like I'm lying. What's about to come one to that. That's the reminder that sword should have been to David the reminder that God is big enough to bring him through anything but he missed it. He missed it anger isolation and fear trumped the day for David and he's afraid I don't know if he's afraid of him like won't help him I don't know if he's lost sight of who God is we don't know all of David's motivations in this thing we just know that this twenty two year old on the run makes a terrible decision and it seems so innocent to us when we're in that situation because we all think our situation is unique. And we've just been to God's truth to fit our

way of thinking. But the reality is there's always consequences for these things. So him Alexis it's yours David take it. And him a lot in the back of his mind is probably thinking what on earth. Is going on right now. David runs away with a sword from a warrior that was last wielded by a man who was defeated by a fifteen year old kid. Should Assad come in. Should have saw what was happening. And David makes his dumb decision to lie and then makes maybe the dumbest decision in recorded scripture. Chapter twenty one verse ten OK Chapter twenty one verse ten. So David escaped from Saul and went to King of Gath. Gath. The Philistine city. David the giant killer David the man who was killed thousands of Philistines already as a twenty two year old runs to a city in Philistia. And not only that he shows up in Gath common Bible scholars who also from yeah. Go live here is from Gath and it's not only David the killer of Goliath that shows up and yeah it's David the killer of Goliath with no Elias sword on his hip that shows up in Gath this is one of the reasons I believe that the Bible is true because no one would be dumb enough to write this kind of a story about one of their heroes if it didn't really happen this is not a heroic story this is not smart thinking this is did you list who would decide to do this would approve on your help. But the officers of A.P.'s were unhappy about his being there that is the understatement of the day isn't this David the king of the land they were they asked Isn't he the one the people on are with dances singing Saul is killed as thousands and David is ten thousands David heard these comments and was. Afraid. Of what came of Gath might do to him all of a sudden a little light comes on this was a really bad idea here. Right I mean. Why am I here. So he pretended verse thirteen to be insane. Scratching on doors and drooling down his beard the heroic King to be. His pretending to be and. Man man with spit on his face. Finally King a fish that was man must you bring me a madman we already have enough of those around here. Why should I let someone like this be my guest So David left Yeah and you skate to the cave of Agila and thank God he went to that cave eventually David's mind catches up with what's happening his emotions began to line up again this is where we see the mighty men who actually in this story are described as basically liars thieves people who a lot of money people who are on the run just like David that's where the mighty man all began to come to David in the cave David eventually is like this isn't working and I got to go find another prophet and figure out what to do from here. OK And David kind of reorients his life back to where it needed to be in the beginning but listen the damage was already done. At this point in the damage is already done we've been there right. We made a mistake that we repented of that we regret it but the consequences were still coming. Right that's where David's at that's where this story is that David David is already doing something that even though he repents even though he goes on to be a great king he can't change the moment in time where he lied to him a lecture and when he did that he wasn't alone I want you to go back to first Daniel Chapter twenty one verse nine we skipped this part on purpose. Then. Even might who was standing there was Saul's man spoke Oh I'm sorry I just skipped a part here where am I at a. Shoot that's in chapter twenty two I forgot to write it down there's a spot I think it's first seven of chapter twenty one where you can see that it is there and he hears. It's happening between David and him a lack and he gets just enough right to really bring him Aleck down OK he doesn't hear probably the whole conversation but here is just enough to really mess it up Saul meanwhile is looking for for David and you can see in verse nine. Who is standing with Salzmann spoke up Saul's chief herdsman OK he's the one that helps get all of Saul's herds where they need to be to be fed and all of these kind of things all right when I was at knob he said I saw the son of Jesse talking to the priest to him Aleck son of. A hymn elect consulted the Lord for him then he gave him food and the sword of Goliath the Philistine you can read over that really quick but what is he reporting to the king he is saying that he has advised your enemy he has fed your enemy and he has armed your enemy. OK that's a big deal in war. Right I mean those three things that that's a big deal he's advised them he's fed him and he's armed in. Verse eleven. King Saul immediately sent for him a lack in all his family who served as a priest that knob when they arrived Saul shouted at him listen to me you son of. What is it my King him Aleck asked Why have you in the son of Jesse conspired against me Saul demanded Why did you give him food in a sword Why have you consulted God for him Why have you engaged encouraged him to kill me as he is trying to do this very day and can't you just need to hear

the confusion you know him Alexa voice as he responds in verse fourteen but Sir reply is any one among all your servants as faithful as David your son in law. Why he is the captain of your body guard a highly honored member of your household this was certainly not the first time I had consulted God for him may the king not accuse me and my family in this matter for I knew nothing at all of any plot against him like you're saying this is your number one supporter this is the guy you turn to when no one else can get it done he's your you encourage him to marry your daughter. This is a standard this is not the first time I've consulted God for him this is what we do. I knew nothing of any plot. But saw. This past the point of reason. Verse sixteen you will surely die of a lack a long with your entire family the king shouted and he ordered his bodyguards kill these priests of the Lord for they are allies and conspirators with David they knew he was running away from me but they didn't tell me but Salzman refused to kill the Lord's priest then the king said to do it you do it so don't eat in my turned on them and killed them that day eighty five priests and all still wearing their priestly garments then he went to knob the town of the priests and killed the priests families men and women children and babies and all the cattle donkeys sheep and goats only Abiathar one of the sons of him a leg gave in flood to David when he told David that Saul that killed a priest of the Lord David exclaimed I knew it when I saw. There that day I knew he was sure to tell Saul now I have caused the death of all your father's family. One of the things I appreciate about David is even when he is wrong he takes the blame. Most of us were to blame Saul for this. Right I mean most of us would look at saw me like this is his own dumb fault. But David knows that the law. That started this whole chain of events was his. None of this would ever happen had he not told the lie in the first place. And he knows it. Ever been there probably not telling a lie that leads to the slaughter of an entire village. Never been there when your one bad decision. Caused great harm in somebody else's life. We do dumb things and were afraid. You dumb things and we're angry. We do dumb things when you're isolated or banning we do dumb things we're bored. We do it and so it people for all humanity. So what do we do with all this. Where we go. What wrong thing or wrong person. Are you considering. Because of anger fear abandonment or boredom. Well wrong thing what wrong thing are you considering. Because there's an emotion going in your life it's out of control. Maybe it's what wrong person are you considering because you're angry bored. Abandoned. Or afraid. We do things in this time of our life we would never do. And other times. We would be very careful. Who are experiencing these emotions not to make decisions on our own. We can tell anybody else what they should do right when they're afraid they're angry they're feeling abandoned or bored we can see the problems. So clearly for them. And we can give them good advice for what to do because just like we read in first Corinthians none of this is new We've all felt the same thing and considered the same things we can see so clearly what somebody else should do. We miss the mark when it's us. Kids in council. Talk to God. Figure things out here's the question that I want you to ask yourself if you're in here today or maybe you're watching online or listening to podcasts. You're in this point you're afraid you're isolated abandoned angry or bored maybe some combination of multiples of them. You're considering doing something you shouldn't do. Who are the ones you're putting at risk. I'll tell you who you are I can answer this question for you it's the people you love the most and the people who love you the most. They're the ones at risk when we make bad decisions like this. The people who love you the most and the people you love the most there are the ones at risk when we make bad decisions based on emotions allied us. Here's how we're going to end this OK I'm going to go through this in part really quick I do this every week if there's somebody in here I'll get to work a few more come back out we're going to end with a new song today because really it's the exact opposite of how David response right David put his hope in himself when these emotions came instead of in God that led to nothing good so I'm going to start playing. Here's where I want to go almost every week we come to this place. And we talk through these different things and I want you to understand that Jesus was a man who was God and he came to this earth. And he died for your sins but he didn't just die he predicted his death we also predicted he would rise and conquer said he did that three days later. And listen if he can predict his death and resurrection and pull that off he can do anything for you so I want to encourage you if you're in this place and you've never chosen

Jesus we're going to give you a chance a chance to respond in just a moment maybe you're in this place and you know you've known Jesus you you know him but lately you just have been living for yourself not forgotten it's time to turn up here and I'm going to give you a chance to respond to you. And I want to address this other issue All right so I'm going to ask you about your has a closer I. Might ask these questions we're not going to linger here long I don't like to motivate out of guilt. I like to just allow God to do what he's doing our life if you're in this place you've never been this morning you want to pray prayer asking God to forgive you and like you just raising or anybody here that's. Going to wait a moment you never chosen Jesus but this morning you're ready I would like you to raise the hand you're in you're in that's. Why we removed that second question maybe you're in here. No what you have been you've been living life for yourself for God in the morning and. You're ready for that new direction this morning that you are likely to raise and I want to play with a. Couple hands up already you put them down is there anybody else here morning that's you know just morning. About got it. Right you can look at what we're going to do the big group of people in only. That's. Not about that other then. Sometimes. Only one frame so for those of you to raise your hands I want to repeat after the break I don't know if you're pro-life. You're in the place you chosen Jesus I want your feet after me to take some of this edge on them all right if you're here and you haven't chosen Jesus and you're not ready to yet you don't have to repeat anything no one wants to make you do anything in this place and honestly I'd prefer you not promise God something you have no intentions to be. Right. But if you're in here you raise your hand you're a follower of Jesus I want you to repeat after me let's pray Jesus. Says I'm sorry. I know better than I've been living for me. Not for you. Forgive me. Leave. From this point on. The Holy. Be your name embrace. Him Now those are awesome moments and I want to encourage you in this place you're here time the person who brought you if you have questions if you don't have somebody who is right you come and talk to each other when the pastor is talking one of our leaders here with love answer any other questions we have here's the last piece of this we're going to sing this song again OK but how good God is about our trust in him. And if you're in here and you're considering doing something stupid. Because of anger fear banishment or boredom I want you to see this prayer with all you have in you because listen the only thing that's going to happen for you trusting yourself is negative. We put our trust back in Jesus that's when we can begin to see our way out of these things all right so we're going to close with the soft words sing it through. And we're done OK if you're done and you know go ahead you go. If you want to stay and pray about something you're going through right now and even if it has nothing to do with what I just preached about stay in prayer don't miss these moments. Don't miss it.