

# LifeGroup Study

## David: Humbled

### SERMON SUMMARY

David's final words exalt God's covenant faithfulness and mighty deliverance, while his census sin reveals the peril of prideful self-reliance. This closing portrait echoes Hannah's Song (1 Sam 2) by reversing human exaltation—David the anointed warrior-king is humbled, yet God's promise lifts the lowly through a greater David to come.

### KEY VERSE

1 Samuel 2:6-8

"The Lord brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up. The Lord sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts.

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.

### SERMON NOTES

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### DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What insights, comments, or questions do you have about this week's sermon?
2. David lists his "mighty men" who risked everything for him (23:8-39). Who has been a "mighty" friend or mentor in your life who went beyond duty to serve you in a season of need?
3. David's "last words" center on God's covenant rather than his own achievements (23:1-7). When you imagine your "last words," what legacy do you want to leave?
4. David's census was rooted in pride and distrust (24:1-9). When have you recently taken a "census" of your resources, talents, or achievements instead of trusting God's provision?
5. After his sin, David's heart "struck him" (24:10). Describe a moment the Holy Spirit convicted you almost instantly; how did you respond, and what did it teach you?
6. Hannah's Song promised God would "guard the feet of his faithful ones" (1 Sam 2:9). Where do you need God to guard your steps right now from pride or presumption?
7. Hannah sang that God "raises up the poor from the dust...to make them sit with princes" (1 Sam 2:8); David's mighty men were outcasts who became princes through him. How does Jesus, the greater Son of David, take spiritual nobodies and seat them with Him in heavenly places (Eph 2:6)?
8. Hannah's Song ends with the promise of an anointed king (1 Sam 2:10); David's last words still point forward. How does Jesus' kingship give you confidence when your own leadership or life feels unstable?

### CLOSING PRAYER

- Leader reads aloud: "Talk no more so very proudly" (1 Sam 2:3)
- Quiet: 1 minute—everyone silently asks God to show one proud thought or word from today.
- Group says together, "Lord, quiet our pride."
- Have someone read:  
"There is none holy like the LORD;  
there is none besides you;  
**we boast only in You. (2x)**  
The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.  
**Humble us, then lift us. (2x)**  
He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap.  
**Make us rich in mercy." (2x)**