



November 9, 2025
A Man After God's Heart
Faithful Through It All
2 Samuel 22: 1-31

1. **Opening Discussion:** (You will probably want to use only one of these openers)

- a. What is your favorite kind of music and/or your favorite song? Do you prefer a certain music/song because of the style/beat, or are the words what attract you? Have you ever been enjoying a song, but when you stopped to actually hear what the words were saying, you found that you couldn't agree with the message?
- b. What is the worst storm you've experienced? Were you prepared for the storm, or did it catch you by surprise? What were the physical phenomena that made the storm so bad (wind, rain, lightning, etc.)?
- c. When you were a child (or think of your children more recently), which was most frightening – the lightning or the thunder? What was your response?
- d. Have you ever been in an earthquake? Describe the experience. Beyond the fear of collapsing buildings, what makes an earthquake so frightening?

2. **Prayer:**

- a. Adoration – Pray a Psalm or other Scripture to focus on praising God.
- b. Confession – Spend time confessing any known sins. 1 John 1:9
- c. Thanksgiving – Thank God for answered prayers, blessings, gifts, and opportunities to serve.
- d. Supplications
 - i. Pray for the activities of His Church locally and around the world.
 - ii. Pray for the spiritual and physical needs of others and yourself.
- e. Least Reached People Group: **Alas of Indonesia** (*from the IMB "Loving the Lost Through Prayer" guide.*)

“The Alas people of Indonesia have made their home in the valley between two mountain ridges in Aceh. They are often called the welcoming mat to Aceh because of their kindness and strategic location on the southern border. Many Alas grow rice and corn for the whole province. Others farm coffee, nutmeg, and hazelnut. Although the Alas are Muslim, they are often more open to other religions than other people groups in Aceh. They usually turn to witch doctors and pray to ancestors for help with day-to-day troubles and needs. They haven't heard the good news that Jesus is preparing a home for His people and they can live forever with Him. Pray the Alas people will welcome Jesus into their lives, casting aside all religious traditions to follow Him.”

3. **Sermon Key Points:**

- a. Faithfully Call Upon the Lord Through It All.
 - i. David faithfully called on God in nearly every situation.
 - ii. This is the privilege and invitation of every Christian, including you.
- b. Trust that God is Faithfully Active Through It All.
 - i. God actively intervened for David many times.

- ii. This is also the privilege of every Christian, including you.
- c. Know that God is Gracious Toward His People Through It All.
 - i. God showed amazing grace toward David.
 - ii. This is also the privilege of every Christian, including you.

4. Bible Study:

- a. **Sunday Afternoon** – As soon as possible after the sermon, make time to consider:
 - i. What stood out to you the most in this sermon?
 - ii. What new truth did you learn, or what truth were you reminded of?
 - iii. Is there a particular Scripture passage you feel God is leading you to meditate on or commit to memory?
 - iv. What is one thing God is leading you to do after hearing this message?
 - v. Did God convict you of a need to make any changes in your life and walk with Him?
- b. **Monday:**
 - i. Like many ancient writings, 1 and 2 Samuel, originally a single book in the Hebrew Bible, includes “bookends” near the beginning and end that establish the major themes of the book. For Samuel these are Hannah’s song in 1 Samuel 2:1-10 and David’s song in 2 Samuel 22:1 – 23:7. Read these two passages.
 - ii. What similarities do you see in the two songs?
 - iii. Who do both songs focus on?
 - iv. How would you complete this sentence: These are songs of _____. Why did you choose that ending?
 - v. While 1 and 2 Samuel contain many fascinating stories from Israel’s history, what message do you think the author was trying to communicate based on these “bookends” (consider 22:4 & 7)?
- c. **Tuesday:**
 - i. Read and meditate on 2 Samuel 22:1-7.
 - ii. What events prompted David to compose and sing this song?
 - iii. What word is used most often in verses 2-4?
 - 1. How does the use of the personal pronoun in these 3 verses set the stage for the entire song?
 - 2. What is the basis for what David is going to sing about God?
 - iv. What characteristics does David ascribe to God? Which of these descriptions/characteristics is most meaningful to you? Why?
 - v. The image of God as “the Rock” is found frequently in the Bible. Read Genesis 49:24, Deuteronomy 32:4, 15, 18, & 30-31, Psalm 19:14, 28:1, 42:9, 78:35, 89:26, & 144:1, Isaiah 17:10, & 30:29, and Habakkuk 1:12.
 - 1. Why is this such an important image for God?

2. What New Testament passages come to mind as you think of God as “the Rock” (consider Matthew 7:24-25, 16:18, Romans 9:33, 1 Corinthians 10:4, and 1 Peter 2:8)?
- vi. What did the personal relationship David documented with God in verses 2-3 enable him to do in times of distress (verses 4 & 7)?
 1. What enables us to do the same thing (see Ephesians 3:12 & 2:18, and Hebrews 4:16)?
 2. While David called on the Lord when in distress, what does verse 4 tell us about his attitude towards God even in desperate times? How do Ephesians 5:19b-20, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Hebrews 13:15, and 1 Peter 4:16 translate this into instructions for us as Christians?

d. Wednesday:

- i. Read and meditate on 2 Samuel 22:8-16.
- ii. How would you summarize in your own words what David is saying in verses 8-16?
- iii. By using the imagery in these verses, whether it is literal or symbolic, what is David confirming about the nature and character of God?
- iv. In our day, people tend to want to think of God only as loving. But verse 8 tells us the conditions described in this passage were because He was angry.
 1. Why/about what do you think God was angry?
 2. Read these verses in the Psalms and summarize what they teach about God’s anger: 2:5, 6:1, 7:6, 38:1, 74:1, 78:49-50, 90:11, 103:8-9, and 106:29 & 32.
- v. Compare David’s song with the prophet Habakkuk’s prayer on Habakkuk 3:2-15. What similarities do you notice?

e. Thursday:

- i. Read and meditate on 2 Samuel 22:17-20.
- ii. How does David describe God’s answer to his prayer in verse 7? Based on these verses do you think David views God’s answer as being obscure or very obvious? Does he seem to see God working actively and directly or passively through circumstances?
- iii. What four things does David affirm that God did for him?
 1. Compare these verses with Jonah’s prayer in Jonah 2:1-9. What did both men credit God with doing?
 2. Then compare these verses with Zechariah’s prayer in Luke 1:68-75. What do both men credit God with doing?
 - a. As Christians, from what enemy or enemies have we been rescued (see 1 Corinthians 15:26, 2 Timothy 1:10, 1 Peter 5:10, and Revelation 21:4)?
- iv. What explanation did David give for why God has responded so graciously to his prayers?
 1. Why do you think God “delighted” in David? Had David done anything that would cause God to “delight” in him, or did God do so because it was His sovereign will (see 1 Samuel 16:1 & 12-13)?

2. What must we first do if we want God to delight in us (see Romans 5:10, Ephesians 2:8-9)? If salvation is the first step what else is expected of us (Psalm 1:1-2, 40:8, 119:91-93, Romans 7:22, Ephesians 2:10, Colossians 1:21-23, and Titus 2:14)?

f. **Friday:**

- i. Read and meditate on 2 Samuel 22:21-31
- ii. What does David claim about himself in verses 21-27?
 1. Based on what we have learned about David's life over the past several weeks does his assessment seem reasonable?
 2. Even ignoring the "major" sins that we have read about David committing, why would David been wrong to make such a claim about his unregenerate self (see Romans 3:23)?
 3. What do David's actions in response to his "major" sins (2 Samuel 12:13 and 24:10) suggest he likely did for any sin? In this how is David modelling what our response to sin should be (1 John 1:9)?
 4. Read Psalms 51:1-12 and 66:16-20.
 - a. How does the message of these two Psalms apply to David's justification in claiming to be righteous?
 - b. What is the only way we can achieve/obtain such righteousness (see Acts 4:12, Romans 3:20-26, 5:8-9, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 2:13, and 1 John 4:10)?
- iii. Go back to Psalm 51 and read verses 13-15.
 1. What two things does David say he will do as a result of the grace he has received?
 2. Where do you see these reflected in 2 Samuel 22:21-31?
 3. What does this suggest about what we should be doing in response to the great grace we have been given?

g. **Saturday:**

- i. David's song recorded in 2 Samuel 22 is noteworthy because it is repeated with only minor modifications as Psalm 18.
- ii. End this week's devotional by reading Psalm 18 as a prayer. As you read and pray, where appropriate, personalize the Psalm by substituting your name for some of the pronouns.

5. **Application:**

- a. God does respond to our prayers with answers that are best for us. The answers may not come at the time we expect (or desire) and the answers may not be what we thought they should be but if we are patient at some point (although perhaps not in this life) we will, like David, be able to look back and see God's hand at work and what we will see will be amazing.
- b. The proper response to God's work in our lives, even (or perhaps especially) when things don't go the way we want or plan is to give thanks, praise God, and live in a state of worship (Romans 12:1).
- c. God's grace is not only limitless it is perfect and when He graciously forgives our sins through the blood of Christ, we are indeed righteous (but not yet perfect or sinless). We should acknowledge and accept that status and not continue wallowing in regret and sorrow over what has been forgiven.