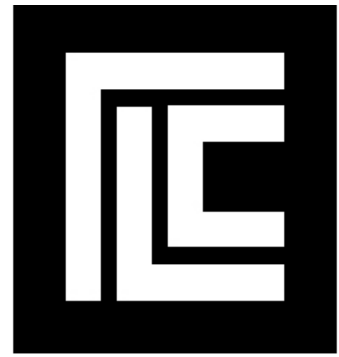


## Victories & Valleys: A study in the life of David

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1 Samuel 8



*On Sunday we kicked off our new series Victories & Valleys: a study in the life of David. The story of King David isn't a perfect one: full of ups and downs, successes and failures, victories and valleys. What makes his story so important to pay attention to was his willingness to look towards God in both victories and valleys. David was a king who knew he wasn't the king.*

### Getting Started

Austin began on Sunday by recognizing some of the great and not-so great moments in the life of David? What is your perception of David in the Bible? How have you thought of him in the past?

### Read

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### Digging Deeper

- From the text above, we observe Israel rejecting God once again. Their requests for a king is a clear rejection of not just Samuel, but God. David and the type of king that he will become represents God's refusal to give up on his people even when he's been rejected. How does this relate to your view of David up until this point?
- From the text above it becomes clear: God is a king who gives; not a king who takes. How does this relate to your view of God?
- On Sunday Austin mentioned some of the different "kings" of this world (entertainment, career/status, money, sex, social media, politics, performance). Was there one that stuck out to you? Did God speak to you in any sort of way around this?
- How would you characterize where you find yourself in this season of life? A victory? A valley? Or somewhere in between? How has this season revealed the king or kings of your life? In other words, where are you looking?



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