

1 Samuel 16-2 Samuel 7

In this part of the story, God rejected King Saul and chose David, a shepherd boy, as a future king of Israel. David had faith and courage, enough to defeat Goliath. Even in David's early life, he showed courage, faith, compassion, skill, humility, and patience. He developed a strong connection with God that shaped him into a great leader.

There were many ways Saul tried to make David look bad. But David always came out on top with his wisdom and faith brought him through. Even though Saul and David didn't get along well, David formed a strong bond of love with Saul's son, Jonathan. Jonathan repeatedly helped David and protected his life.

In 2 Samuel 1-7, David becomes King over all of Israel. He conquered Jerusalem and made it the capital and promised that his descendants would build a temple and establish an eternal kingdom. King David also moved the Ark of the Covenant, the symbol of God's presence, into Jerusalem.

Prayer... Lord help us to be more like King David. Give us compassion and love to help others. Give us the patience to care for others when they need someone to just listen. We can do so much for others by doing nothing but listening. Amen.