

# FLAWED HERO

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## THE LIFE OF DAVID

# WEEK 5

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Gratitude



*This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your life group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own before your group meets. The purpose of this guide is to help facilitate discussion and to help your group, collectively and individually, grow closer to Jesus.*

### SERIES OVERVIEW

Every hero has flaws, even the ones we read about in the Bible. In the life of David—a king of Israel and a man after God’s own heart—we see a hero with glimpses of greatness and wounds of pride. Through David’s failures, challenges, and triumphs, we see a greater Hero. The hero was not David, but God Himself. God humbled David and pointed people back to the one, true, King.

### MAIN TEXT

2 Samuel 7, ESV

### GETTING STARTED

What is the worst gift you’ve ever received? How did you react when you saw it?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 2 Samuel 7 out loud as a group. At the beginning of this passage, what did David consider doing for God? How did God respond?
2. Our relationship with God is not about what we can do for Him; it’s about what He’s done for us. What gifts have you received from God? Do you feel like you are using all of the gifts He has given you?
3. David’s first response to God’s generosity was humility. What accomplishments were on David’s résumé that could’ve gotten in the way of him humbly responding to God? Do you have any accomplishments that you have not glorified God with yet?
4. David’s second response was love. A religious mindset says that we must perform well and then we’ll be loved. God says we are loved now, and it’s our responsibility to respond. Have you struggled with performing to attempt to earn God’s love? Share with the group.
5. David’s third response was confidence in God fulfilling the promises He had made. David knew that He was God, He was true, and He had promised a good thing. Think of a promise God has given you in His Word. Do you have confidence that this will happen? What promise do you cling to in times of need?
6. In the Bible, God promises to hear our prayers. Do you pray with an expectancy that God will answer your prayers? How surprised are you when He does?

### NEXT STEPS

Read the passages below and discuss which promise you need to rely on more. Also, pray for the people throughout the world who need to believe that God is who He says He is, and that He will fulfill these promises.

“For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.”  
(Luke 12:30-31)

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will not fear evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.” (1 John 4:18-19)