

GIANT KILLER

Part Seven: *committed*

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David was crushed when he learned of his son Absalom's death (2 Samuel 18:33). But David could not keep mourning the death of Absalom, he needed to get to work fixing his damaged reputation and fragmented kingdom (2 Samuel 19:1-8). He needed to rebuild his life!

In 2 Samuel 19-23, David is committed.

1st – David made a commitment to forgive the people who hurt him. 2 Samuel 19:18-30

Shimei and Mephibosheth had disrespected David when he was run out of Jerusalem by Absalom. Again, David could have easily had Saul's son executed for his betrayal, but David chose to show Mephibosheth mercy.

2nd – David made a commitment to bless the people who blessed him. 2 Samuel 19:31-40

As he was returning to Jerusalem, David stopped to thank and reward Ziba and Barzillai for providing him with supplies when he and his army were hiding from Absalom.

3rd – David made a commitment to stop troublemakers. 2 Samuel 20

As the king was returning to Jerusalem, a troublemaker named Sheba called the men of Israel to desert David. David sent his commanders to stop Sheba before he could cause more division in Israel.

4th – David made a commitment to make amends. 2 Samuel 21:1-14

God sent a famine in Israel that lasted for three years. When David asked God the reason for His judgement, the Lord replied it was because of the guilt of the house of Saul for killing some of the Gibeonites (Joshua 9:15-21). When David learned of the wrongdoing, he sought to make restitution to the Gibeonites.

5th – David made a commitment to delegate what he could not do. 2 Samuel 21:15-22

David realized he was too old and weak to fight the Philistine giants, so he delegated the task of leading his troops to other, more capable men. And David's young warriors became his giant killers!

6th - David made a commitment to give God the glory for his successes. 2 Samuel 22

During his final years on earth, David wanted to make sure everyone in the world knew that God was the source of his success. David did this through a poem that later became Psalm 18. *In 2 Samuel 22 / Psalm 18 ...*

- David praises God for saving him from his enemies. 2 Samuel 22:1-30
- David celebrates his God-empowered victories. 2 Samuel 22:31-46
- David calls everyone in the world to exalt his God. 2 Samuel 22:47-51

7th – David made a commitment to remember what God had called him to do. 2 Samuel 23

2 Samuel 23 begins with a short poem, which is titled *The last words of David*. In the first stanza (v. 1), David identifies himself. In the second stanza (vv. 2–4), David says he is God's instrument. In the third stanza (vv. 5–7), David states God made an everlasting covenant with him and his house (dynasty).

How can you apply this period of David's life?

- **You can use David's seven commitments when you need to repair your damaged reputation, rebuild your broken relationships, and reclarify your life goals.**

First, David made a commitment to forgive the people who had hurt him because he had seen how bitterness and revenge hurt his life. You also need to forgive the people who have hurt you (Ephesians 4:31).

Second, David made a commitment to bless the people who blessed him. You also need to thank and reward the people who have helped you during your tough times. You must be a grateful person to become a great person!

Third, David made a commitment to stop troublemakers. You also need to stop the people who are trying to stop you from doing what God wants you to do.

Fourth, David made a commitment to make amends. You also need to acknowledge your sin and the harm you have done to others. You need to make repairs or restitution and restore the relationships you have messed up (Luke 19:1-9).

Fifth, David made a commitment to delegate what he could not do. David got too old to lead his troops into battle, so he wisely delegated that task to other, more capable men. You also need to delegate the tasks you can no longer do to more capable giant killers.

Sixth, David made a commitment to give God the glory for his successes. You will keep pride out of your heart when you give God the glory for your successes, and you will show people your God.

Seventh, David made a commitment to remember what God had called him to do. You also, need to remind yourself daily of what God has called you to do.

Some questions to ask yourself this week...

1. Do you need to overhaul your life?
2. Who do you need to forgive, bless, stop, and make amends to?
3. What tasks do you need to delegate to others?