

Learning To Love God in Every Season: Lessons from David's Life and Psalms

Loving God When Life Is Far from Fair

1 Samuel 18:24

Introduction: David's Trajectory So Far ...

From **obscurity**, God chooses a man with a _____ bent towards Him to be Israel's 2nd king.

1 Samuel 13:14, 1 Samuel 16:7, 1 Samuel 16:12b-13a

This young man, captivated by the greatness and glory of God, is **moved to action** with _____ when God's honor is challenged.

1 Samuel 17:26, 1 Samuel 17:45-47

Soon **everyone will know** the _____ of the once-anonymous shepherd boy from Bethlehem.

1 Samuel 17:55-58

And now, after that life-changing, people-saving event, **David is thrust into the national spotlight** as a _____.

1 Samuel 18:5

But at the peak of David's popularity and on the heels of so much success, everything takes a **sudden and** _____ for the worse.

1 Samuel 18:6-9

From that day forward – until the final days of Saul's life – **he seeks the** _____ of David.

At least _____ Saul sought to kill David himself or have David killed!

And the tragic irony of it all is this:

The one of whom Saul sardonically said, "**what more can he have but the kingdom?**" had already been promised the kingdom through anointing. And now, instead of being treated like a _____ and _____, he is on the run for his very life.

And this went on for approximately **10 years!**

All this sad saga begs a huge question:

How do you keep loving God when life is far from fair?

8 lessons from David's experiences:

1. Don't suppose that you _____ – or even _____ – understand all the reasons '_____.
1 Samuel 20:1

2. Do presume upon God's _____, trusting that He is working for your _____.
Psalm 57:2

3. Fight for your _____ by _____.
It is how you keep your _____ and your _____.
Psalm 57:4-5,7

4. Don't try to _____ it. Be _____ with yourself and with God about how you _____.
Psalm 142:1-4

5. But don't _____ your feelings. Honesty requires you _____ what you know to be _____. Psalm 57:9-11

6. Consider the _____ and _____ you will have on others (who are also going thru difficulty) based on how you handle this season. 1 Samuel 22:1-2

7. Don't use "unfairness" as a rationale for _____.
Stay the _____ course even if there is no apparent _____.
1 Samuel 24:6, 1 Samuel 24:16b-17

8. Trust God to _____ this season in the end. Psalm 142:7

Sunday, January 18

Sing

Scripture Reading Reagan Farris

Psalm 27:4-5

⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving Tommy Perry

Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Offering

The Lord Is My Salvation

Message Paul Thompson

Loving God When Life Is Far from Fair

1 Samuel 18-24

It Is Well With My Soul

Benediction Charles Uptain

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving Paul Thompson & Alex Moore
Ephesians 1:3-14

Come Praise And Glorify

Baptism Dan Tankersley

All My Boast Is In Jesus

His Mercy Is More

Message Paul Thompson

The Shadow of the Almighty

Psalm 91

Lord's Supper Paul Thompson

Hebrews 10:19-20

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

All I Have Is Christ

2026 Bible Conference

On February 21 & 22 we will welcome Dr. Chuck Lawless to Calvary as part of our 2026 Bible Conference on "The Invisible War" as we explore the topic of spiritual warfare.

Be on the lookout for more details about the schedule, but mark your calendars now and plan to join us on this weekend.

Members Meeting

Sunday, January 25 | Following 5pm Worship

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Women's Coffee & Connect

Sunday, February 8 | 3pm | ROC Lobby

All women are invited to an afternoon of fellowship, meaningful conversation, encouragement and connection.

Sunday, February 8 Schedule

8:30am Life Group

10am Worship, Fellowship Center

5pm Student Super Bowl Fellowship, ROC

There will be no PM worship. If you don't have other plans and would like to join the students for the fun, all are welcome. Bring a snack to share.

Mission Trip Opportunity

Bennington, Vermont | April 25-May 2

Purpose: Assist NEBC with construction of housing duplexes and various non-construction related projects

Deadline to sign up: Sunday, February 15

Number of participants: Limited to 12

Team Leader: Roger Simpler (334) 701-6668

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

High School Winter Retreat

February 13-16 | Grades 9-12 | Cost: \$230

 This year's theme, *Standing in the Gap*, invites students to grow deeper in their faith as they are challenged and encouraged to follow Jesus faithfully and impact the world as His witnesses.

Use the QR code to register. Deadline is February 6.

Student Life Camp

June 8-12 | Grades 6-12 | Lee Univ., Cleveland, TN

Total Cost: \$379

Register and pay \$125 deposit by Sunday, January 25.

Register online at calvarydothan.com.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Calvary's Goal: \$150,000

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supports and enables IMB missionaries to live among the lost and share the gospel. 100% of your gifts to this offering enable gospel transformation among the unreached all around the world.

Connect Card

January 18, 2026

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
 Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest Attender
 Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Male Female

Married Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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January 18, 2026

January Missions Spotlight

Dare to Hope (Local Missions Partner)

Dare to Hope is a ministry bringing the hope of Jesus Christ to women who are hurting and hopeless due to exploitation. They serve those who are at risk of exploitation and exist to provide spiritual and emotional support as well as practical solutions that foster healing and wholeness for women, leading them from vulnerability to stability. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Dare to Hope, visit daretohope.net. Prayer needs can be found on prayer cards located at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Good Churches (Global Mission Partner)

Good Churches partners with churches and individuals in the USA to support and provide church-based programs that train national, indigenous pastors in strategic cities with massive gospel needs. The primary aim of Good Churches is to plant good churches efficiently and effectively among the unreached. If you would like to learn more about the work of Good Churches, visit goodchurches.org. Pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer for specific ways you can pray for this ministry.

THE PEOPLE CAME...

January 11

Life Group: 533
10:00 Worship: 703
5:00 Worship: 148
Hispanic Church: 116
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given January 11: \$49,673.43
Given 2025 Surplus (Deficit):
\$16,597.53 as of 12/31/25
Lottie Moon Y-T-D: \$134,550

BIBLE READING PLAN

January 18-24

- Ps 17, Gen 18:1-15, 1 Chr 18-20, Luke 11:1-36
- Ps 18, Gen 18:16-33, 1 Chr 21:1-17, Luke 11:37-12:12
- Ps 19, Gen 19, 1 Chr 21:18-22:19, Luke 12:13-48
- Ps 20, Gen 20, 1 Chr 23-24, Luke 12:49-13:9
- Ps 21, Gen 21:1-21, 1 Chr 25, Luke 13:10-35
- Ps 22, Gen 21:22-34, 1 Chr 26, Luke 14
- Ps 23, Gen 22, 1 Chr 27, Luke 15

Sunday Schedule

- 8:30am Life Groups & Open Classes
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
5:00pm Family Worship, Sanctuary
Childcare for Babies-K3

I'm New Here

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church.



To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table in the foyer after the service for a gift from us!

How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley Discipleship Pastor
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STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, January 18:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791
Saturday, January 24:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765
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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 25

10am *Loving God When Everything Is Lost*
1 Samuel 30:1-31
Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

Lead Me to the Rock
Psalm 61
Message by Dan Tankersley

Wednesday Schedule

- 6:00pm Open Classes, D-Groups, & ESL Classes
Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg
Grades 1-5, Chapel
Grades 6-12, Student Room
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

² *The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

- Psalm 18:2



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