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DAVID

A GRAVITATIONAL  
PULL TOWARDS GOD

Everyone gravitates towards God at some point.

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you."

St. Augustine

I am homesick for a place I am not sure exists.  
One where my heart is full, my body loved, and  
my soul understood.

Melissa Cox

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but **the Lord looks at the heart.**”

1 Samuel 16:7

God sees who you really are.

One of the servants said to Saul, “One of Jesse’s sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player. Not only that—he is a brave warrior, a man of war, and has good judgment. He is also a fine-looking young man, and the Lord is with him.”

1 Samuel 16:18

Your reputation follows you.



## David's confidence in God

“Don't worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I'll go fight him!” “Don't be ridiculous!” Saul replied. “There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth.”

But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”

1 Samuel 17:32-37

Faith formed in private affects what happens in public.

Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.

1 Peter 3:13-17

# David's wandering from God

In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites.

2 Samuel 11:1

Sin done in private has public consequences.

All of us wander from God and need to return  
again and again.

Forgiveness removes eternal consequences but does not change present circumstances.



# What do we need to do?

- Gravitate towards God
- Deal with your sin and face the consequences
- When you wander keep coming back.