

# CCAF SERMON NOTES

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Bible Study Notes from 4/10/24

The Real Kings of the Bible

Life Lessons from King David Part 1

As famous as David was, he did not come out of "nowhere". It is clear that David's rise to leadership was consistent with a greater plan of the Lord. David was the great grandson of Ruth and Boaz. Little is known about his grandfather, Obed. His father, Jessie had either 9 or 10 children. Jessie had 7 (or 8) sons and 2 daughters. There are different counts between 1 Samuel 16:10-11 and 1 Chronicles 2:15.)

While there is no evidence that Naomi was still alive when David was born, the story of Ruth (and Naomi) was common knowledge within this family dynamic.

David's family tree includes the following:

Great-grandparents: Boaz & Ruth – Ruth 2:1; Ruth 4:17-22; Matthew 1:5

Grandfather: Obed – Ruth 4:17-22

Father: Jessie – Ruth 4:17-22; 1Samuel 16:1; 1Samuel 17:12

Life Lesson #13: Our actions today can influence the family values of generations that will follow us. We can be the Naomi's and Ruth's of our family trees. (Spiritual Matriarchs and Spiritual Patriarchs)

Young David
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Although David was 30 years old when he became King, his story began long before that day he began to reign. There are 7 words that could be used to describe "Young David: Rugged, Rambunctious, Responsible, Respectful, Confident, Courageous, Creative.

Consider the following passages:

Life Lesson 14 - Look for potential in children, even the young child shows flashes of potential. (Proverbs 18:16, Proverbs 22:6)

Life Lesson 15 - When children speak, listen, don't be so dismissive. (I Samuel 17:28)

Life Lesson 16 - Some of life's biggest decisions are unwanted, but ordained by God for us. (I Samuel 27:1)