

*A Woman After God's Own Heart:  
A study of King David  
Homework Introduction*

Welcome to our study of King David. David is one of my most favorite personages in the Bible. So much is recorded about him. He truly adored God from a young age, and God truly loved him despite his many weaknesses and failures. I receive so much encouragement from seeing how David related with God through all times in his life. He rejoiced with God over victories, sought God in the midst of disastrous mistakes, and in the between times, he waited upon the Lord and followed his direction. He composed, sang, and played heartfelt songs of worship to the Lord throughout his life. God, foreknowing all things, said of David: *"I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart"* (Acts 13:22). In our study we will explore those facets of David's personality that allowed God to make such a remark about this unique man, and seek to become women for whom God can say the same thing.

Each week in our class meeting we will discuss the preceding week's homework, giving the most attention to discussion questions marked with ♥. Either preceding or following the homework discussion I will present additional scriptural material relevant to our passages of study, or I will provide historical background information that will help us better place upcoming scripture readings in context. (If you have missed the lecture presented during the class, notes are available on-line and listed as "Lesson Notes". The lesson notes cover the majority of the material presented in class.) Homework packets will be handed out at the end of each class meeting and are also available on-line at [www.livinggodsword.org](http://www.livinggodsword.org).

Homework will primarily focus on studying passages in 1 and 2 Samuel, and may include thematically related scripture passages from other books in the Bible. Before reading each selection, spend a few minutes in prayer asking the Lord to help you understand what he would have you learn (and share!) from each passage. You may uncover a truth that I or others missed! (It's been known to happen!) Read the selected passage and answer the questions that follow. The first few questions will be straight forward from the scripture reading itself designed to inspire careful reading of details, and to point in the direction of the passage's theme. The next few questions will require more thought, perhaps a link to another related passage, and will require you to come to some kind of conclusion related to the scriptures. Among these questions will likely be a marked discussion question that will be covered in our next meeting.

Scripture quotations in the homework are from the NIV Bible. Please feel free to use your favorite Bible for this study. The website [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) is an excellent help

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for quickly finding scripture verses in a variety of translations. It also allows you to keep your Bible open to the passage of study while at the same time finding other scripture references without losing your place in the Bible.

Complete the homework as best as you can, and best as your time allows! God will surely bless you for whatever time you put into your homework. Even if your week doesn't allow you to complete your homework, come to our weekly meeting anyway. You will still benefit from our discussions and hopefully be encouraged to stick with it!

One of the things I have discovered in studying the Bible is that the more I do it, the more I crave it! When I am not in the Word of God for any length of time, short or long, I desperately miss it. I feel out of touch with the One I most adore, I long for Him, and when I get back into his Word I am refreshed, renewed, and I know I have been missed, too! Spending time with Jesus is the most important thing we can do for ourselves and our loved ones. His influence emanates from us and affects those around us. Through us we spread his light to the world. *Lord, let each one of us be a beacon drawing those in the dark closer to you!*