



Sermon Outline: The Jesus Way Through King David

Psalm 32:1-11/Romans 4:1-8

I. Introduction: David as a Companion on the Jesus Way

Jesus' Way is revealed through Old Testament companions.

David shows us the Jesus Way of a **responsive heart, God-centered courage, humility, repentance, and wholehearted worship.**

- David is not remembered because he was flawless, but because he was **faithful**.
- The Jesus Way is not moral perfection—it is a heart continually turning toward God.
- David teaches us how to live honestly, courageously, and worshipfully before God.

Question: Where do you sense God inviting your heart to become more responsive?

Application: Begin each morning with a simple prayer: *"Lord, shape my heart today."*

II. David's Anointing: The Way of God's Surprising Choices

God chooses David—the overlooked shepherd boy—because God sees the heart.

- David is not the obvious choice; he is the **God-chosen** choice.
- God values the inner life more than outward appearance.
- The Jesus Way begins with God's initiative, not human achievement.

Questions: Where do you feel overlooked or underestimated?

How might God be calling you in that very place?

Application: Identify one area where you feel "small" or unseen.

Ask God: *"How can I be faithful here?"*

III. David and Goliath: The Way of God-Centered Courage

David faces Goliath with courage rooted not in himself, but in God.

- David's confidence is not self-confidence; it is **God-confidence**.
- Courage in the Jesus Way is trust in God's character, not trust in our strength.
- Giants are defeated by faith, not force.

Questions: What "giant" in your life requires God-centered courage?

What would it look like to face that challenge with trust rather than fear?

Application: Write down one fear or challenge.

Pray: *"Lord, I face this with Your strength, not mine."*

IV. David and Saul: The Way of Humility and Restraint

David refuses to harm Saul, even when he has the chance—showing humility, restraint, and trust in God's timing.

- David chooses patience over self-promotion.
- He refuses revenge, even when justified.
- The Jesus Way is the way of **non-grasping, non-violence, and trust in God's justice.**

Questions: Where are you tempted to defend yourself, retaliate, or force an outcome?

How might God be inviting you to choose restraint?

Application: Practice one act of restraint this week—hold back a harsh word, a defensive reaction, or a self-promoting impulse.

V. David's Sin and Repentance: The Way of Honest Return

David's greatness is not that he never sinned, but that he returned to God with honesty and humility.

- David confesses without excuses: "Create in me a clean heart."
- Repentance is not shame—it is restoration.
- The Jesus Way is the way of **truthful confession** and **hopeful return**.

Questions: What truth about your life needs honest confession before God?

Where have you been hiding, minimizing, or avoiding?

Application: Spend five minutes each evening in examen prayer:

"Lord, show me where I need Your cleansing and renewal."

VI. David's Worship: The Way of Wholehearted Devotion

David worships with his whole being—singing, dancing, weeping, rejoicing.

- Worship is not performance; it is relationship.
- David worships in caves, palaces, victories, and failures.
- The Jesus Way is wholehearted, honest, embodied worship.

Questions: What keeps you from worshipping God wholeheartedly?

How can you bring your whole self—joy, sorrow, fear, hope—into worship?

Application: Choose one worship practice this week: singing, journaling, praying psalms, or walking in nature. Offer it to God with your whole heart.

VII. Conclusion: Walking the Jesus Way Through David

David invites us into a life shaped by a **responsive heart**, **God-centered courage**, **humility**, **repentance**, and **wholehearted worship**.

Final Challenge

- Which part of David's journey is God inviting you to walk this week?

Closing Prayer:

"Lord, give us David's heart—a heart that trusts You, returns to You, worships You, and follows You with courage and humility. Lead us in the Jesus Way. Amen."