

**February 17, 2019**  
La Jolla Christian Fellowship  
**The CROWN : Episode 5**  
**David, The Shepherd King**  
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**2 Samuel 5:1-5,10 (ESV)**

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Behold, we are your bone and flesh. <sup>2</sup>In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, ‘You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.’” <sup>3</sup>So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup>David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup>At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.—<sup>10</sup>And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

**LESSONS FROM THE CROWN**

- 1. When you know who you are, you don’t have to prove it.**
- 2. David was a king with a shepherd’s heart.**
- 3. God wants to relate to you as less than God.**

**1. When you know who you are, you don’t need to prove it.**

- **In making David King, all Israel did was recognize who he already was.**
  - **David was already king: 1 Samuel 16:1** *The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”*
  - A deep grasp of your identity in Christ, will dramatically affect every important decision you make.
    - **John 6:15** *Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make Him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by Himself.*

## 2. Saul was a king, but David was a shepherd.

**Vs. 2** *In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.'*

- Don't underestimate the influence that comes with helping people win their battles.
- Many people want to be king, but few want to be a shepherd.
  - **Psalm 23** *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

## 3. God desires to relate to you as less than the Almighty God.

- Referring to God as "shepherd" in many Near Eastern cultures would have been an insult.
- One of the greatest acts of God's love is intentionally minimizing His divine nature that we might know Him in an intimate way.
  - Ultimately, God wants to be your Father.

**Food for the journey:** Use these questions to go deeper in personal study and or in one of our community groups.

1. Both David and Jesus never sought to prove who they were for their own purposes. Do you ever feel the need to prove yourself? Why?
2. Pastor Adam said, "A deep grasp of your identity in Christ, will dramatically affect every important decision you make." Why is this true?
3. Pastor Adam said, "Don't underestimate the influence that comes with helping people win their battles?" Are you a person that helps others win their battles.
4. The sermon mentioned that God desires to relate to you as less than God? Why would God want to limit himself for relationship with us?
5. Ultimately God wants to be your father. Is this enough for you and if so why?