



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

Heroes- David

1. David had experienced God's faithfulness and victories, yet he still struggled to trust God. Where are you most tempted to rely on your own resources, abilities, security, or control rather than trusting God?
2. David's census was an attempt to find security in the size of his army. What are some modern-day equivalents of "counting our soldiers"—things we can measure, accumulate, or control that can give us a false sense of security?
3. David initially chose a consequence that would protect himself but hurt his people. When you are under pressure or facing the consequences of your own choices, what makes it difficult to put the wellbeing of others ahead of protecting yourself?
4. There is a significant change in David when he says, in effect, "I am the one who has sinned...these sheep, what have they done?" What does genuine repentance look like in your own life? How is it different from simply feeling guilty or sorry?
5. God provided the altar and sacrifice that David needed; David could not fix the situation through his own sacrifice. Where are you tempted to believe that you need to "make things right" with God through your own efforts rather than receiving his mercy and provision?
6. David refused to offer God a sacrifice that cost him nothing. What might it look like for your worship and obedience to God to cost you something—in time, comfort, money, pride, forgiveness, or service?
7. The sermon ends by inviting us to remember that we are people who have been given "chance after chance" by a loving and faithful God. Looking back over your life, where can you see God's faithfulness in the midst of your own failures,

weakness, or brokenness—and how should remembering that change the way you live this week?