

# Educating for Life!

Psalms 78:70-72



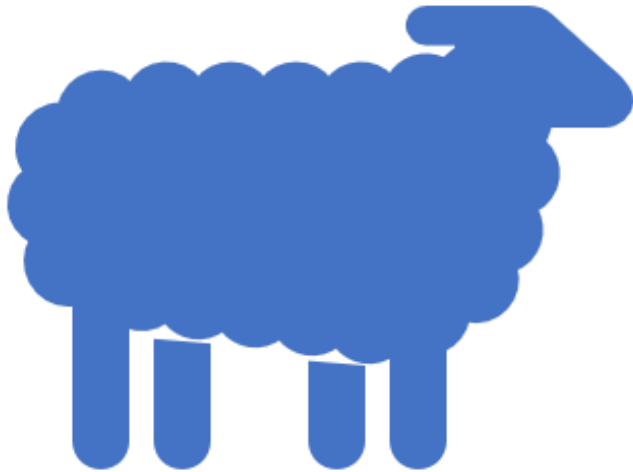


# This Was An Interesting Graduation Year To Say The Least!

- Here at Woodland Park Church of Christ, we had several High School graduates
- A Junior College Graduate
- A College Graduate
- A College Graduate Obtaining a Master's Degree



# Psalms 78:70-72



***“He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance.***

***And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.”***

# I See Three Keys for a Graduate's Success in These Scriptures

## #1 Remember Your Beginnings

- **God took David from sheep pens. In Jewish culture, there was very little lower than that occupation**

**(Some of us grew up without a phone, no air conditioner, no central heating, a job with no security)**

- **David's family did not even consider him useful for God when his father was told by the prophet Samuel that God was going to anoint one of his sons king, and to bring all of them to church (so to speak) for the selection 1 Samuel 16 (his father was not encouraging)**
  - **David, remembering his humble beginnings, would help himself to remain grounded and not pride stricken when he achieved success (his only credential was his heart for God, 1 Samuel 16:7; from that, he skyrocketed)**
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# Remembering Was an Important Characteristic for the People of Israel

- The Passover was a time for them to remember where they had been (what they used to have to do; bricks without straw)

Many Hebrew boys died without opportunity (Exodus 1:16  
“kill him”)

Moses’ mother, rehearsing his birth to him would be important

- The Passover was also a time for them to remember what God had done for them

Adults rehearsed the story of the crossing the Jordan River to help their children build their faith, Joshua 4:1-8 (why these stones?)

- It’s good to remember the trials and tribulations that your parents and grandparents and the generations before you had, to put you in a position where you could succeed (your forefathers didn’t get the same opportunities you have)
  - Remember the past, but don’t live in it; Philippians 3:13,14
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## #2 Build Your Character

- Notice that the first statement about David as king, in verse 72, was his integrity—not his military ability, or his defeat of Goliath—but his integrity

- David had a moral compass that governed his values; no double standards or rationalizations

- David learned that his private life and his public life needed to be consistent (some didn't think so; R. Kelly, H. Weinstein, B. Cosby, Prince) Galatians 6:7-8

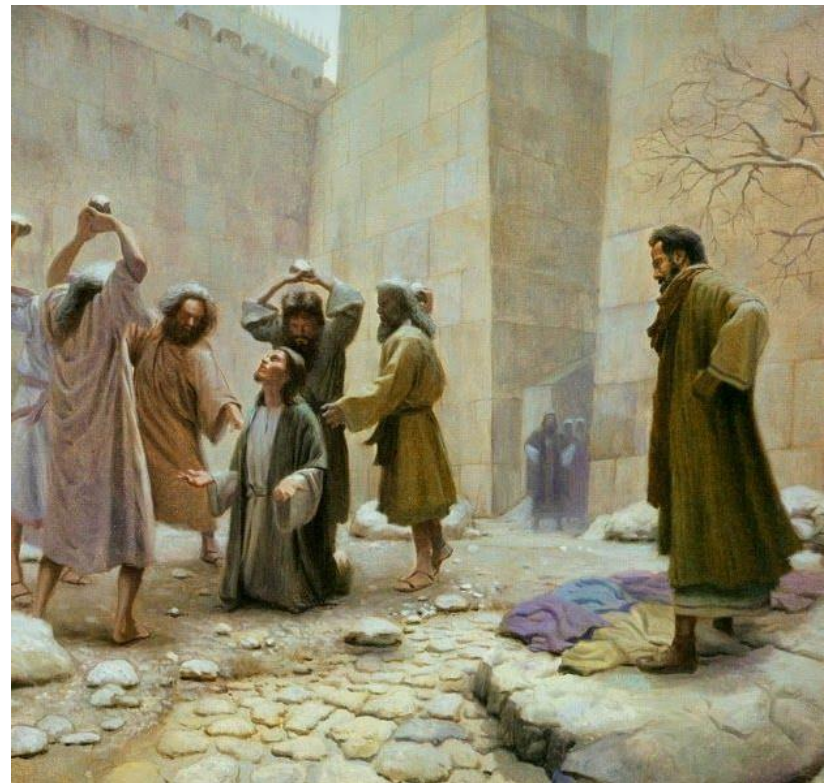
How you handle your sin is important. 2 Samuel 11,12

- David had the type of character that wouldn't condone sin for himself nor enable his friends to do so

# Complicit Enabling! The Stoning of Stephen

***“And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man’s feet, whose name was Saul.” Acts 7:58***

***Saul was just as culpable in Stephen’s death as the men who threw the stones***



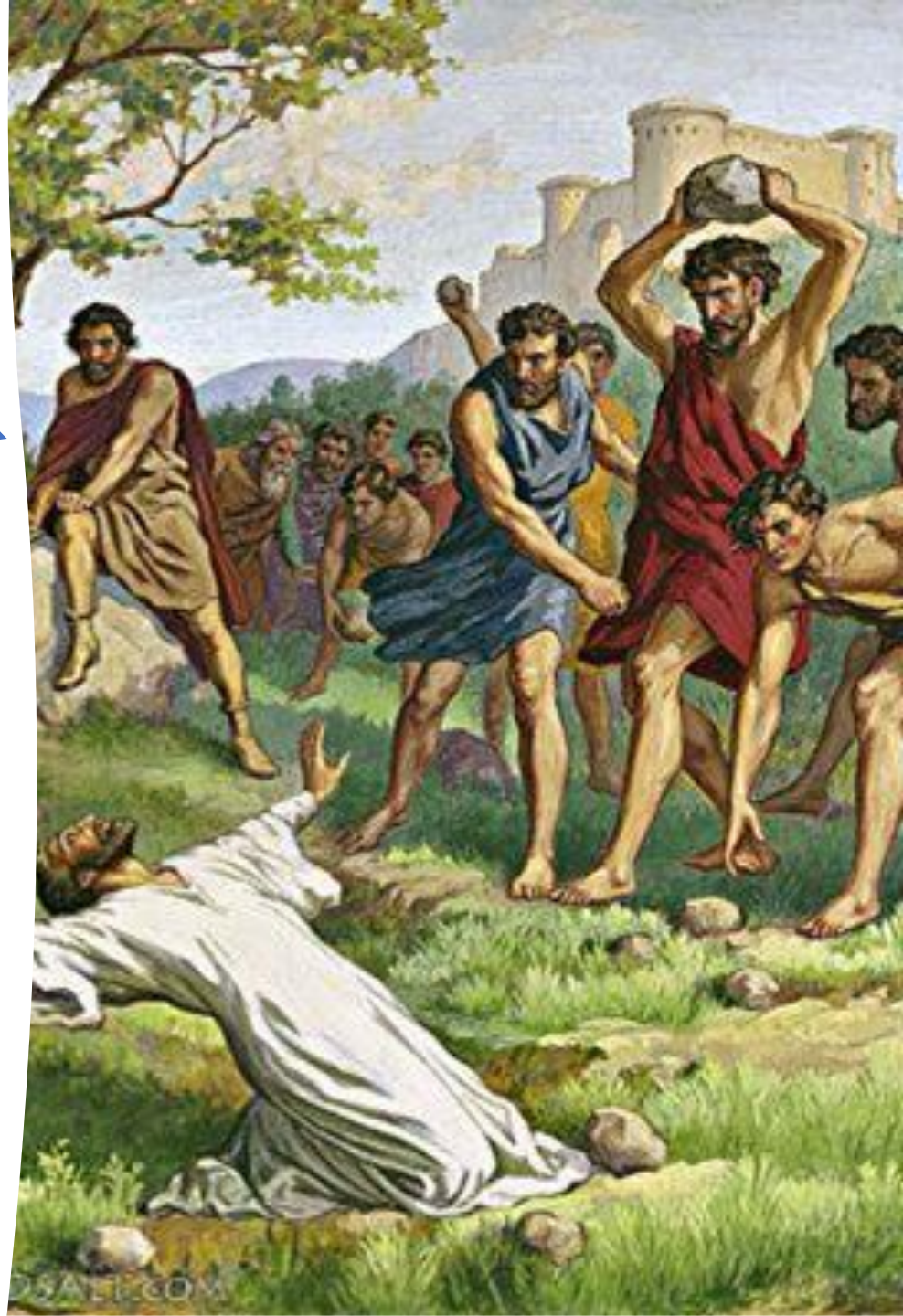
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**Acts 7:58**

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# Complicit Enabling!

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**These Three Men  
Share Culpability In  
The Death Of George  
Floyd, Though They  
Never Kneeled  
On His Neck!**



## #3 Perfect Your Skills

- David led God's people with skills that were learned
  - He knew how to lead sheep and learned how to lead people
  - One caveat in David's leadership qualities is that he fought alongside his Israelite nation (he didn't escape to the bunker when threatened; "bunker mentality")
  - Practical learning involves first seeing what is done, then performing what's done, and finally teaching what is to be done
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# Look at Paul's Mentorship of Timothy!

***"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.***

***And the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."***

- Develop what is called, ***"contributor mentality"***
  - This is a Christian who looks for where they are needed
  - Their question is this: ***"Where is a local church through which I can serve God?"*** (good question for graduates)  
***Not: "What's in it for me?" "Do I get to do what's needed here," or "What I like to do here?"***
  - ***"What can I do for the church to which God has led me?"***
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# The Plan Of Salvation

**Hear the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Believe the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Repent of Sins**

**Acts 2:38**

**Confess Christ**

**Acts 8:37**

**Be Baptized**

**Acts 8:38**