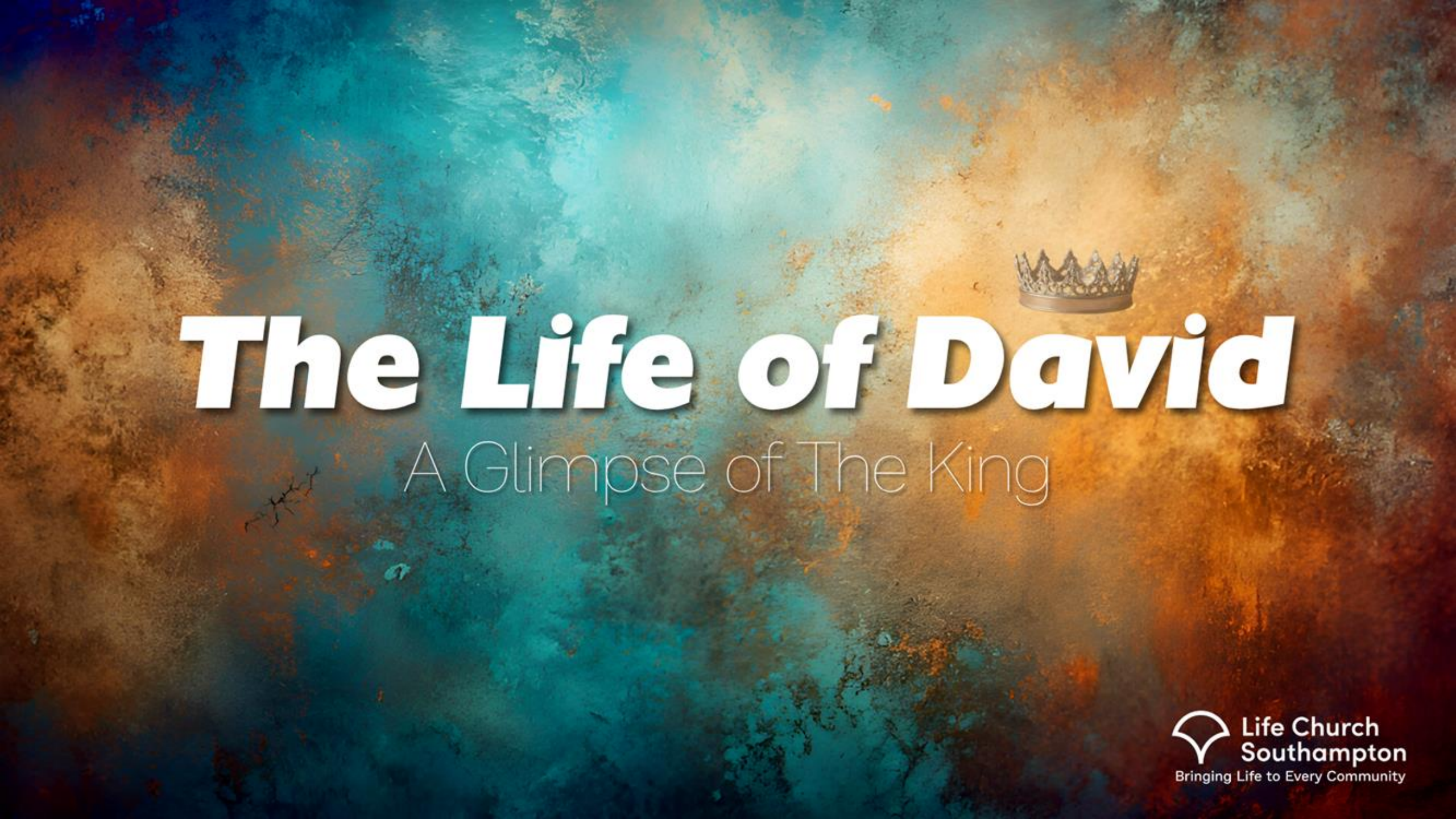

The Life of David
A Glimpse of The King
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11 In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, **3** and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." **4** Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. **5** The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

6 So David sent this word to Joab: “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” And Joab sent him to
David. 7 When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers
were and how the war was going. 8 Then David said to Uriah, “Go down to your
house and wash your feet.” So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was
sent after him. 9 But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master’s
servants and did not go down to his house.

10 David was told, “Uriah did not go home.” So he asked Uriah, “Haven’t you just
come from a military campaign? Why didn’t you go home?”
11 Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents,[a] and my
commander Joab and my lord’s men are camped in the open country. How could I go
to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will
not do such a thing!”

12 Then David said to him, “Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you
back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. 13 At David’s invitation,
he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah
went out to sleep on his mat among his master’s servants; he did not go home.
14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. 15 In it he wrote,
“Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he
will be struck down and die.”

16 So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the
strongest defenders were. 17 When the men of the city came out and fought against
Joab, some of the men in David’s army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.

25 David [then sent a message, saying], “Say this to Joab: ‘Don’t let this upset you;
the sword devours one as well as another. Press the attack against the city and
destroy it.’ Say this to encourage Joab.”
26 When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for
him. 27 After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and
she became his wife and bore him a son.
But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.

Comfort

David knew where to find comfort in a battle.

But he didn’t expect a battle in his comfort.



SIN

David dwelt, inquired, pondered – without his God.

This was a pattern that fully formed in his life, not an ‘out of character’ mistake



COVERING

Our coverings cost others

Our coverings don’t last – we always need more

Our coverings don’t heal – the infection spreads



CHRIST

TRUE COVERING

TRUE King

