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## Thirty Days With King David

*On Leadership*

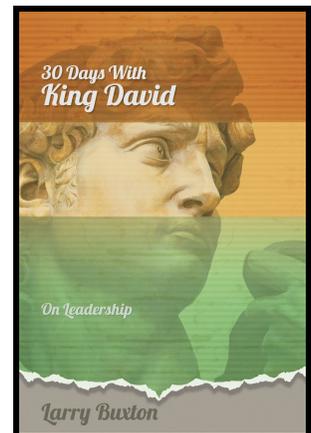
Front Edge Publishing is proud to announce the second book in their *30 Days With* series, *Thirty Days With King David* by pastor, educator and leadership coach Larry Buxton. In turbulent times, King David united a nation—and his hard-earned wisdom can bring us together today. This new *30 Days With* book offers a month of readings plus ideas for small-group discussion. David ranks among the world's greatest heroes for defeating Goliath and for writing Psalms we read every day. He is honored by Jews, Christians and Muslims. In this book, pastor, educator and leadership coach Larry Buxton shows us how David embodies 14 crucial values shared by effective leaders to this day.

Just as the first volume in this series invites readers to spend *30 Days With Abraham Lincoln*, one of the greatest unifying figures in American history, Buxton's book is a call for all of us to remember values that unite us. Buxton dedicates this book "to everyone who believes that the character of any leader is of critical importance to our nation, our institutions, our congregations and our homes; and to all those who seek to let God shape their character as more virtuous human beings, that their influence may spread to heal our world."

Answering that call in the opening pages are two nationally known political leaders—one a Democrat and one a Republican, who came together in these pages to urge all of us to read these 30 short stories drawn from David's often tragically learned lessons about life.

In his Foreword, **U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine** writes: "From the blockbuster arc of David's life, Larry Buxton assembles 30 short chapters on key leadership traits—patience, vision, humility, integrity, openness, tenderness, forgiveness, courage, gratitude, self-control, surrender, perseverance, calmness, justice. Buxton helps us see how David either exhibited these values or catastrophically failed to achieve them. The chapters are probing and conversational—with references from the worlds of literature, sports, politics and entertainment to illustrate how to apply these lessons to our everyday challenges."

In his Preface, **Andrew H. Card**, who served in Washington D.C. during two Bush administrations, writes: "If you aspire to be a leader: read this book. It is a road map and will become a conscience. If you are a leader: read this book. It will have you reflecting on how you accepted and responded to that challenge. If you are teaching leaders: read this book. You will have new context to launch leaders of character to meet the challenges of the future."



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**Advance Praise for *Thirty Days With King David*:**

*This engaging study and devotional book based on the biblical story of David ought to be on everyone's list for group study or personal inspiration. Using the lens of the classical theological virtues, Larry Buxton focuses on David as a model for leadership in church and society that allows us to learn from David's admirable qualities, and his glaring failures, as the "man after God's own heart." Buxton is a learned guide, making this 30 Days journey a rich experience of David's life—along with reflections on the virtues needed for effective leadership in our time.*

**Bruce C. Birch, Dean Emeritus, Wesley Theological Seminary, Professor Emeritus of Biblical Theology**

*For those seeking to read the life of King David through a Christian lens and to extract lessons of leadership therein, *30 Days with King David* is accessible and entertaining. Larry Buxton weaves elements of popular culture, political history, and modern management theory into this ancient story.*

**Rabbi Amy J. Sapowitz, Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation, Ashburn, VA**

*As an Imam, I have had the honor of learning from Larry Buxton. He has a unique ability to approach ancient scripture and make it alive and applicable in the modern age. Buxton's insights cross religious lines of demarcation and provide universal insights. In this book, Buxton eloquently points out the traits of true leadership in Prophet Dawud (peace be upon him) as a guidance for Muslims and non-Muslims alike.*

**Imam Mehmet Ayaz, Executive Director of Institute of Islamic Studies and Imam at Ezher Bloom Mosque, Chantilly, VA**

*This slim volume is rooted in a nuanced, sophisticated understanding of contemporary biblical studies, pastoral care and the complex challenges that leaders must wrestle with on a daily basis in the "Secular City." Larry Buxton reveals himself as a wise listener and questioner, someone who is familiar with what is required of leaders in both family and organizational contexts—a mature, well-differentiated man of faith with something substantive to say in every chapter. I loved how Buxton grounds the entire book within the narrative of David's spiritual journey, respecting both the limits and the richness of solid scriptural scholarship. He helps readers to identify with the universal human joys and sorrows, tragedies and triumphs, that make David's story a template for any leader interested in a more self-aware, reflective life.*

**Bob Duggan, author of *Resilient Leadership and Resilient Leadership 2.0***

*We are navigating through a period that calls for exceptional leadership. This book is a fascinating guide that brings King David's story to the help of contemporary individuals trying to achieve a virtuous life rewarded with success. Larry Buxton seamlessly connects landmark scenes from the King's life with challenges that test the contemporary individual's leadership qualities. This is a timely journey in the footsteps of King David, particularly for those in search for renewed determination to face their own Goliaths, whatever they might be.*

**Ibrahim Anli, Executive Director, Rumi Forum, Washington, DC**

*Larry Buxton gives the reader a wide array of readable material on the substantive subjects of the complex King David, the virtues to which all religious people of good will aspire, and what all this means for leadership. Your 30 days with this book will be well-spent.*

**The Rev. Lovett H. Weems, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Church Leadership Emeritus,  
Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC**

*There is no better example for leadership in the bible than King David. We can't really lead like Jesus—Him, we follow as Christians. But we can lead like David. Or, at least, we can learn from David's leadership. And, we can identify with him. It is worth studying this book. King David is a real character. We can walk around him, like we would Michelangelo's statue, and see the good side and bad side of being a leader.*

**David McAllister-Wilson, President, Wesley Theological Seminary**

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