

Many times in life, the Lord strips us of the "crutches" we are leaning on order to develop a greater d_____ upon Him for everything.

FIVE "CRUTCHES" IN DAVID'S LIFE THAT ARE REMOVED

1. Good P_____
2. His Wife, Micah (18:20-21; 19: 11-12)
3. S_____ (19:18)
4. Closest F_____
5. Self-R_____ (21:10-15)

Three Warnings for "Crutches" in Our Lives Today . . .

1. Crutches easily become cheap s_____ for God.
2. Crutches keep our focus horizontally rather than vertically.
3. Crutches offer only t_____ relief.

One Final Reminder...

There's nothing wrong with leaning, if you lean ultimately and completely on the Lord.

Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the five "crutches" in David's life would've been the most painful to have removed?
2. Why is the stripping away of a "crutch" in our life so painful?
3. What is a "crutch" that you find yourself leaning on that keeps you from fully depending on the Lord?

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