

THE STORY OF GOD

“David: Worshipper and Warrior”- 2 Samuel 7
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OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)

READ 2 Samuel 7

- ☀ Read the texts at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the texts? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the texts? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)

1. Read 1 Samuel 8:7-9. The last and greatest of the “judges” was Samuel. The people went to Samuel and demanded a King. This was disturbing to Samuel, who rightly believed that God alone was King. In his distress, Samuel inquired of the Lord, and this was his answer. What does God tell Samuel? How does this continue to pattern of the Old Testament?
2. Eventually, God chooses David to be the King over Israel. David is called “a man after God’s own heart.” (1 Samuel 13:14). What do you think that means? Take some time to read the following passages, which tell us more about who David was and why he was chosen as King over Israel.
 - 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 - 1 Samuel 16:18
 - 1 Samuel 17:19-58
 - 1 Samuel 24:10-11
3. We see many heroic traits in David. However, we also see some sin and very dark parts of his life. Read 2 Samuel 11. How does this impact your understanding of David as “a man after God’s own heart”?
4. Read 2 Samuel 7. What is David’s desire as a King, once he has established Israel and led them into a time of peace and prosperity? What is God’s response to David’s desire to build God a house?
5. How does God’s response in 2 Samuel 7 point us back to the covenant promises that he made with Abraham in Genesis 12 (land, seed, and blessing)? How does 2 Samuel 7 point us forward to the coming of Jesus?

**“Kingdom Courage flows from
Covenant Confidence.”**

**“Of all of the characters in the Old
Testament, David exhibits the most
complete picture of covenant and kingdom.**

**Worship was David’s intimate expression of
Covenant relationship- the connecting of his
heart to God.**

**Warfare, on the other hand, was the
ultimate expression of Kingdom authority
and power, resulting in David taking
possession of what God had promised.”**

-Mike Breen

NEXT STEPS

- ☀ The Gospel produces the rarest kind of person in the world- someone who is bold and courageous, yet humble and gentle. Is this true of you? Do you see God making you more humble and dependent upon Him, and yet at the same time bold and courageous?
- ☀ In what ways is God calling you to be more humble? How does proper Worship create humility?
- ☀ In what ways is God calling you to be more bold? How does a proper understanding of Warfare create boldness?