



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Using the seasons of David's life, how would you describe your life right now: Recently "anointed" and full of hope, Running for your life and battles each day, or, Enjoying a time of rest from all your enemies?

Read 2 Samuel 7:1-7; Luke 12:15-21; Colossians 4:5. In what ways can God's goodness undermine our relationship with Him or others? What do you learn about David in the 2 Samuel verses?

What things have you hoped to accomplish in life that it doesn't look like you will be able to? How do you feel about that?

Read 2 Samuel 8-17. What promises does God make to David? In your opinion, why has God lavished these promises on David? How does the covenant God made with David compare with the New Covenant Jesus promised? (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 26:28)

Read David's prayer of thanksgiving in 2 Samuel 7:20-29 and make as many observations about David & God's provision as you can. Using your observations of his prayer, have different group members pray the same concepts on behalf of the group & Sunridge.



GOOD TIMES

2 Samuel 7

Chic, Definitive Groove, 1979, GOOD TIMES

Good times, these are the good times

Leave your cares behind, these are the good times

Good times, these are the good times

Our new state of mind, these are the good times

AFTER ALL THE BATTLES, RUNNING, HIDING, DEFENDING – DAVID IS AT REST

2 Samuel 7:1 After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had **given him rest** from all his enemies around him,

Although David was perceived by most as a man of war, he was also very contemplative.

2 he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." 3 Nathan replied to the king, "**Whatever you have in mind**, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

2) Note David's preoccupation with God, even when he doesn't "need" Him.

4 That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: 5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: **Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?**'"

4) Oops! Don't speak prematurely, even if it's supportive. Nathan would feel the need to do so? (I do)

6 I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. 7 Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

"I'll do the thinin' around here"

DAVIDIC COVENANT (8-17)

- Covenant: unconditional, irrevocable promise.



Although

not called so here, it is in:

2 Samuel 23:5 Has he not made with me an everlasting covenant, arranged and secured in every part?

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4. The Davidic Covenant: 2 Samuel 7:8-17, 23:5

8 "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. 9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now **I will make your name great**, like the names of the greatest men of the earth.

To Israel...

10 And I **will provide a place for my people** Israel and **will plant them so that they can have a home of their own** and no longer be disturbed. **Wicked people shall not oppress them any more**, as they did at the beginning 11 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. **I will also give you rest** from all your enemies.

To David...

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself **will establish a house for you**: 12 When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I **will raise up your offspring to succeed you**, who will come from your own body, and I **will establish his kingdom**. 13 **He is the one who will build a house** for my Name, and I **will establish the throne of his kingdom** for ever.

14 **I will be his father, and he shall be my son**. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. 15 But **my love will never be taken away from him**, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 **Your house and your kingdom shall endure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.**"

17 Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

The Davidic covenant promises that a king from the line of David will rule forever. This promise is fulfilled at Christ's 2nd Advent during his millennial reign on earth.



5. **The New Covenant:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 26:28

Matthew 26:27 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Question: have you signed your name to that covenant? (you will never need to earn God's favor. God's unconditional, irrevocable promise)

18 Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said: "**Who am I**, O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? 19 And as if this were not enough in your sight, O Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant. Is this your usual way of dealing with man, O Sovereign LORD?

18) not, "Why aren't you on my plan?" David sees that God's plan is even bigger.

TAKE AWAYS

1. OUR FOCUS DURING GOOD TIMES CAN BE AN INDICATOR OF OUR TRUE SPIRITUAL CONDITION

2 Samuel 7:1 the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had **given him rest** from all his enemies around him,

Rest is a short wonderful time. Why can't it be like this all the time? Think of all he's been through.

What do we do with rest, goodness? Ease?

Sometimes the worst thing for our spiritual life: "Temptation of blessing."
Critical. Forget God. Focus on self & accumulation.

Lu 12:18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. (Luke 12:15-21)

2 he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."



David's mind goes to God's work. God's goodness can sensitize us to the spiritual, or it can also desensitize.

David's mind in gear, not complacent. (good leader)

Col 4:5 make the most of every opportunity

David spiritual today, but blessing takes its toll on him soon.

During the struggle it is time for God to bless us, during the good times it's an opportunity for us to bless others.

Some of us are only tuned in to God when we need Him.

Even though David is in the wrong computer file he is on the right track

2. OUR ACTIONS TODAY ESTABLISH A FOUNDATION FOR THE NEXT GENERATION TO BUILD ON TOMORROW

There is a future generation, that what we do sets them up to do what God has called them to do. Our investment in today for the sake of tomorrow.

David's vision, another generation builds it.

What a special privilege for David, "your son has something to do for Me."
"You won't build me a house, instead – I will build you one."

David was a great warrior, musician, shepherd, dancer, psalmist – but not a temple builder. Being content with God's calling, but nobody gets to "do it all."

1Ch 28:3 But God said to me, 'You are not to build a house for my Name, because you are a warrior and have shed blood.'

Php 4:11 I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. (Paul)

Our calling to build on today:

Titus 2:1 You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. 2 Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. 3 Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. 4 Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind,



and to be subject to their husbands, so that no-one will malign the word of God. 6 Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. 7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good.

Paul to Titus: you teach & then they teach and model

Christianity doesn't begin or end with us: Mentor & Model

What are we paying forward?

3. TAKE TIME TO LOOK BACK ON GOD'S PROVISION AND WORSHIP HIM FOR IT

David looks back, then looks forward. All in gratefulness and trust of God's plan.

WHO AM I...

20 "What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Sovereign LORD. 21 For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

... to, HOW GREAT ARE YOU!

David's gratitude flows over at this pinnacle of his life-

22 "How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no-one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. 23 And who is like your people Israel--the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself, and to make a name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt? 24 You have established your people Israel as your very own for ever, and you, O LORD, have become their God.

25 "And now, LORD God, keep for ever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised, 26 so that your name will be great for ever. Then men will say, '**The LORD Almighty is God over Israel!**'

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2 Samuel 6:14 David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might,

Notice that what David considers a blessing is what God is interested in too. "A man after God's own heart."

Is that you?



NOTES & QUESTIONS

Jesus name?"

Praying "in



LEFTOVERS

His grateful heart finds solace in contemplating how he can show that gratitude – to God.

We must learn to be ambitious and content at the same time

The danger of answering too quickly, assumptions.

To David: Not every idea we have is from God, or even something that God wants us to do.

To Nathan: Don't assume everything the king says is right.

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2 Samuel 6:12* Now King David was told, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went down and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. 13 When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. 14 David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might, 15 while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets. 16 As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

David got Happy Feet. Clip?

How do you express joy in the Lord?



LEADERS GUIDE

2 Samuel 7

OVERVIEW

After 15 years of running for his life and battling to both stay alive and protect the fledgling nation of Israel, David is fully King over all of Israel. It is a unique time of peace and rest. Free from the constant battle, David's heart turns toward establishing God's house, and dreams of building a permanent house for the Ark of God. Although God denies him this noble request, He makes David a promise, that his son will build a temple to house the Ark, and he will bless David's offspring in a unique and fruitful fashion. David is overwhelmed by the goodness of God and pens a sweet prayer of worship and thanksgiving.

INTERPRETIVE & THEOLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS

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5. The New Covenant: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 26:28

SERMON OUTLINE & SCRIPTURES

1. **Our focus during good times can be an indicator of our true spiritual condition.**
2 Samuel 7:1-7; Luke 12:15-21; Colossians 4:5
2. **Our actions today, establish a foundation for the next generation to build on tomorrow.**
1 Chronicles 28:3; Matthew 28:19-20; Philippians 4:11; Titus 2:1-8
3. **Take time to look back on God's provision and worship Him for it.**
2 Samuel 6:12-16; 7:20-29