

DYNASTY

Part 1 of The Savior King. 2 Samuel 7:1-17.

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KING DAVID: A BIOGRAPHY

- David was born in Bethlehem into a farming family around 1040 BC.
- When he was 15, Samuel the prophet secretly anointed David as the future king.
- When he was 20, David killed Goliath, and this caught King Saul's attention, and he brought him into his royal court.
- David married King Saul's daughter when he was 21.
- Soon after, King Saul turned against David, seeing him as a rival to the throne, and for nine years, David lived in constant danger as a fugitive.
- King Saul was killed in battle, so at 30, David was publicly anointed king of Judah. Civil war broke out between those loyal to David and those loyal to Saul's dynasty.
- The war lasted seven years before David won and was crowned king of a united Israel.
- At age 37, David captured the Zion fortress, brought the ark of the covenant into Jerusalem, establishing it as his capital.
- That brings us to 2 Samuel 7 and what is called the Davidic covenant, which God made with David when he was 40.
- David lived for 30 eventful years after this, but we won't go there today.

DAVID'S STORY IS GOD'S STORY

David was a deeply flawed man, so why is he included in the Bible?

- Not so we can admire or criticize him; not so we can copy or reject him.

- So that we can learn about God from him. David's story reveals God to us.

INSIGHT 1: GOD DOESN'T NEED US - verses 1-7

David was secure on the throne, comfortable in his palace,

- And he thought, "I should do something for God."
- But God did not ask David to build him a house; in fact, he said, "David, I'll build you a house - a dynasty."
- And God hasn't asked us for anything.

Acts 17:24-25 (CSB) The God who made the world and everything in it — he is Lord of heaven and earth — does not live in shrines made by hands. 25 Neither is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives everyone life and breath and all things.

The point is: God doesn't need us. He is self-sufficient.

- This should wreck our pride. God will never be in our debt.
- When we come to God empty-handed and needy, we're in the right place to give him the honor and praise he deserves.

INSIGHT 2: GOD DOESN'T FOLLOW OUR PLANS - verses 8-11

David was a shepherd who became a king.

- That wasn't David's plan, but God had a plan:

9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. I will make a great name for you like that of the greatest on the earth... 11 ... The LORD himself will make a house for you.

- God works his plans often in ways we cannot see.

Proverbs 19:21 (NLT) You can make many plans, but the LORD's purpose will prevail.

This is a comforting insight because God's plan/purpose is good.

- Romans 8 reveals God's plan for us:

Romans 8:28-29 (CSB) We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

- When anxiety feels unbearable, remember that God has a good plan for you. Find peace in knowing he always works it out.

INSIGHT 3: GOD DOESN'T ABANDON US - verses 12-17

David's house/dynasty will last forever.

13 He is the one who will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ... 16 Your house and kingdom will endure before me forever, and your throne will be established forever.

None of David's descendants lived and reigned forever. Until Jesus Christ:

- He is the "son of David" - Matthew 1:1.
- He is the temple - Matthew 26:61.
- He reigns from an eternal throne over an eternal kingdom - Matthew 19:28; Luke 22:29.

God's promise to David was fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Savior.

KNOWING GOD

When we know God:

- We will worship, love, and trust Him.
- We will know important truths about ourselves.

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Use any or all of the following questions to guide your group's conversation about Sunday's sermon.

Icebreaker

Describe a plan you made that got completely rerouted by something outside your control. Looking back, how did the new direction work out for you?

Observation

Review 2 Samuel 7:1-17: What did David want to do for God, and what was God's actual response through Nathan the prophet?

What word does God repeat in verses 13 and 16 to describe how long David's throne will last, and why might that word have puzzled the original hearers? Whose house and throne will last forever?

Interpretation

David is in the Bible "so that we can learn about God from him," not so we can copy or reject him. What did you learn about God from 2 Samuel 7?

What are some other Bible stories about flawed people that help you know God better?

What role does the Davidic Covenant play in making sense of the biblical narrative and God's salvation plan?

Application

"I'll do something for God" can quietly feed pride. Where in your life might you be operating from a sense that you're owed credit rather than given grace? And what do you need to do to shift from pride to humility before God?

What's a practical habit — a phrase, a pause, a person you call — that helps you actually remember that, in the middle of a stressful day, God has a good plan and is working all things together for your ultimate good?