

## Bible Study: The Life of David

### Part Three

#### A Shepherd, Servant, Servant Leader, and a Psalmist

(2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 1:–2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11:1-27)

#### Outline II Samuel

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>God's rule through David.</b>             | <b>1:1–10:19</b>  |
|             | A. The news of the death of Saul.            | 1:1-27            |
|             | B. David's anointing and the war with Abner. | 2:1-32            |
|             | C. The murder of Abner.                      | 3:1-39            |
|             | D. The murder of Ishbosheth.                 | 4:1-12            |
|             | E. David established as king of all Israel.  | 5:1–10:19         |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>God's patience with David's sin.</b>      | <b>11:1–18:33</b> |
|             | A. David and Bathsheba.                      | 11:1–12:31        |
|             | B. Ammon and Tamar.                          | 13:1–14:33        |
|             | C. The rebellion of Absalom.                 | 15:1–18:33        |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>God's restoration of David.</b>           | <b>19:1–24:25</b> |
|             | A. David's return to Jerusalem.              | 19:1–20:26        |
|             | B. The later years of David's rule.          | 21:1–24:25.       |

**\*Please remember that we are studying historical books of the Bible; therefore a life application is required for our understanding. You will find a life application opportunity at the end of every chapter.**

#### Questions, Answers, and Discussion

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 1: The deaths of King Saul and Jonathan.**

- A. How did David learn of King Saul and Jonathan's death? (1-10)
- B. Scripture gives of 3 accounts of King Saul's death: (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 31:1-3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam. 1:1-10, & 1<sup>st</sup> Chron. 10:-14.) Is it possible to reconcile these 3 accounts?
- C. What was David's response to their deaths? (2<sup>nd</sup> Sam. 1:11-16)
- D. How does grieving help us when a loved one dies? (2<sup>nd</sup> Sam. 1:17)
- E. How did David honor King Saul and Jonathan? (2<sup>nd</sup> Sam. 1:18-27)
- F. Identify at least 3 life lessons you learned from this chapter.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 2: David becomes king of Judah.**

- A. How did David become king of Judah? (1-7)
- B. Who was Abner and Ishbosheth, and what did they do after King Saul's death? (8-9)
- C. Did Abner have the authority to make Ish-Bosheth king?
- D. How long was Ish-Bosheth king and was Israel a separated nation? Explain. (9-10)
- E. Who won the war between David's men and Abner's men? (12-17)
- F. Who was Joab, Abishai, and Asahel? Which of these 3 did Abner kill and why? (18-23)
- G. Identify at 3 lessons you learned from this chapter.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 3: David, Abner, and Ish-Bosheth**

- A. Who were actually fighting in the war, and what was the outcome? (1)
- B. How many children were born to David in Hebron? (2-5)
- C. What did Ish-Bosheth accused Abner of doing? (6-9)
- D. Why did Abner tell Ish-Bosheth that David would become king over all Israel? (10-11)
- E. What agreement did David make with Abner? (12 & 13)
- F. Why did David want Michal to return as his wife? (13-16)
- G. How did Michal's husband respond to David's request? (16)
- H. What was the relationship between David and Abner? (17-21)
- I. Who killed Abner and why? (22-27, 30)
- J. What was David's response to Abner's death? (31-39)
- K. Identify at least 3 lessons were you able to learn from this chapter in David's life?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 4: The deaths of Ish-Bosheth and Abner**

- A. Why was Ish-Bosheth troubled at Abner's death? (1-3)
- B. Who was Mephibosheth, and what happened to him? (4)
- C. How did Ish-Bosheth die? (5-8)
- D. Was David pleased that Ish-Bosheth was killed, and what was David's response? (9-12)
- E. Discuss the following life lessons.
  - 1. The demise of an enemy should not be a time to rejoice.
  - 2. God does not need our assistance in accomplishing His will.
  - 3. God is constantly working behind the scene to redeem His people.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 5: David becomes king over all Israel.**

- A. What qualifications were required to be king of Israel? (1-2, Dt. 17:14-20)
- B. How many times was David anointed king of Israel? (3)
- C. How long was David king of Israel? (5)
- D. How did David capture Jerusalem? (6-10)
- E. Explain why God allowed David to build himself a house, but David could not build a house for God? (11)
- F. Did David violate a qualification to be king by marrying multiple women? (13-16, Dt. 17:17)
- G. What was one of David's first duties when he became king of Israel, and what was the key to David's victory? (17-21)
- H. In David's next battle with the Philistine's, what different tactic did he employ and why? (22-25)
- I. What life lessons did you learn from this chapter?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 6: David relocates the Ark of the Covenant.**

- A. What was the Ark of the Covenant and what did it symbolize? (1-2)
- B. Why did David want the Ark of the Covenant in Judah? (3-5)

- C. What happened at Na'chon's house, and why did Uzzah died? (6-8)
- D. Why was the Ark of the Covenant left at Obed-e'dom's house? (9-11)
- E. Why was Obed-e'deom's house blessed? (11-12)
- F. What was different concerning the transportation of the Ark of Covenant this time? (13-18)
- G. Is dancing before the Lord a form of worship? (14)
- H. Why did Michal despise David? (16)
- I. What did David do after the Ark of Covenant was in Judah? (17-19)
- J. How was Michael's attitude towards David? (20)
- K. What did David recognize about Michal? (21-23)
- L. Let's discuss some of the life lessons:
  1. Describe when you recognize God's presence in my life.
  2. Describe what makes worship worthwhile to you.
  3. Describe a time in your life when you despised someone else's praise or when you felt "they were doing too much."

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7: David's Dynasty**

- A. Why did David desire to build a house for God? (1-3)
- B. What were some of the reasons God did not allow David to build the temple? (3-11)
- C. Who does God appoint to build the temple? (12-13)
- D. What is the Davidic covenant? (10-15)
- E. What caused David to accept God's will? (18-25)
- F. Describe David's praise in his prayer. (26-29)
- G. If God promised David an eternal throne, then which of David's son sits on the throne? Explain.
- H. Lessons from the chapter.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 9 & 10: Mephibosheth is restored but Hanun loses blessings**

- A. Why did David desire to show Mephibosheth kindness? (1)
- B. What happened to Mephibosheth, and did David have a responsibility to help him? (2-3)
- C. Why did David go to such great length to find Mephibosheth?
- D. Did Mephibosheth deserve grace and mercy? (6-7)
- E. Mephibosheth had a physical disability but did he suffer from other disabilities? (8)
- F. What did David give Mephibosheth? (9-10)
- G. What did David do to ensure that Mephibosheth would have a legacy? (11-13)
- H. Compare and contrast Mephibosheth and Hanun. (10: 1-5)
- I. David desired to show kindness to Hanun, but why did their relationship end with war and death?
- J. What public offense took place against David's men? (4-5)
- K. Explain why money could not buy victory for the Ammonites? (6-12)
- L. Why did David decide to fight in the second battle? (15-19)
- M. What life lessons did you learn from the chapter?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11: God's Patience with David's sin.**

In this chapter we see David during a sad episode of his life. David was a man after God's own heart, but David experienced human failures like the rest of us. It's encouraging to know that even after our failures God in His sovereignty will still use us to accomplish His purposes. David committed adultery, tried to hide his sin, and ultimately became responsible to the death of another man; however David repented, accepted the consequences of his sin and his relationship with the Lord was restored.

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:16 informs us that 3 temptations are common to man which of these caused David to sin? (2)
- B. Who was Bathsheba? (3)
- C. Did Bathsheba have a choice as to reject David's advances, or was she a willing participant? (4)

- D. What was David's response to the pregnancy? (5-8)
- E. Why didn't Uriah sleep with his wife? (9-11)
- F. How did David attempt to cover up his sin? (12-15)
- G. David's sin of adultery was a sin of passion, but the sin to have Uriah killed was premeditated. Explain the difference. (14-15)
- H. Did Uriah's death absolve David of his sin? (16-21)
- I. Although David married Bathsheba why was the Lord displeased? (27)

Please identify the life lessons you were able to glean from this chapter.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.