

A Covenant Promise of Hope

Through His covenant promises, God points us to the hope of the gospel.



GOD'S STORY
THE TRANSFORMATION FOR ADULT LIFEGROUPS

2 Samuel 7:1-16

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(2 Samuel 7:1-16) ¹After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." ³Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you." ⁴But 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?' ⁶I 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. ⁷Wherever 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?'" ⁸"Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹I 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 on earth. ¹⁰And 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 will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.'" ¹²The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: ¹²When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

COMMUNITY – CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER

- What is something you're hoping for right now?
- What are the determining factors in whether or not that hope will one day be realized?
- Spiritually speaking, would you say your hope in the Lord is primarily based on something He will do in the future or something He has already done? Explain.

CONTENT – EXPLORING GOD'S STORY

Have a volunteer read 2 Samuel 7:1-7

- In your own words, summarize what happened in these verses.
- Based on verses 1-2, where would you say David was placing his hope?
- Obviously, it's not wrong to want to do something on earth to honor the Lord. Why, then, did God reject David's plans?
- What are some ways Christians today might move ahead of God's plans? What does this reveal about where we place our hope?

Have a volunteer read 2 Samuel 7:8-16

- What does it tell you about God that He didn't get mad or shut David down altogether, but lovingly told David what He would do through his family?
- Through whom is David's house and kingdom "established forever"?

- Why do you think God told His people of Jesus' coming centuries before His arrival?
- Read Luke 1:30-33, Luke 4:18-21, Revelation 19:11-16, and Revelation 21:1-4. What words or phrases describe the type of ruler Jesus is and the type of kingdom He is establishing?
- What promises of God give you hope and assurance when life doesn't go like you thought it would?

COMMISSION – ENGAGING IN GOD'S STORY

- Are there any ways you might be currently moving ahead of God and His plans? Explain.
- As we live together as followers of Christ, what are some ways we can express our appreciation for King Jesus?
- How does the practice of continual gratitude to Jesus for what He has done help you remember where your hope is found in your daily circumstances and future?

PRAYER: Thank God for His covenant promises that throughout history have pointed to the hope you have in Jesus. Pray that He would give you a desire for this King and His kingdom in your heart, that you would live every day eagerly awaiting the joy that is to come when He comes and brings the kingdom to us in its fullness.

CONTINUE TO JOURNEY THROUGH GOD'S STORY

Bible Reading Plan:

DAY 1 – Psalm 51
 DAY 2 – 2 Samuel 24; Psalm 24
 DAY 3 – Psalm 1, 19
 DAY 4 – Psalm 103, 119:1-48
 DAY 5 – Psalm 119:49-128

KEY VERSE: Psalm 1:1-2

H.E.A.R. Method:

Highlight a verse or two.
 Explain what the text means.
 Apply the verse to your life.
 Respond to God.

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 for the unchurched,
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Gospel-centered communities that aim to KNOW
 GOD together and BE CHANGED by Him in a
 way that will CHANGE THE WORLD.