



PART 1: SITTING ATOP OF THE CHARTS

INTRODUCTION – THE LONG ROAD TO THE THRONE

1 SAMUEL 13:14

THE STORY SO FAR...

(1 SAMUEL 16–2 SAMUEL 7)

- ❖ David, a shepherd, is anointed future King of Israel by the prophet Samuel.
- ❖ From this day forward, David is empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ David is employed in the court of Saul as his personal musician and armour bearer to the king. Here he has a front seat in learning the ways of the court.
- ❖ David confronts and kills Goliath and soon becomes a national warrior-hero.
- ❖ Saul becomes jealous of David and sends him “on tour” as an outlaw on the run.
- ❖ Saul dies – providing the opportunity for the fulfillment of Samuel’s prophesy as David eventually becomes king of the united tribes of Judah and Israel.
- ❖ David brings the Ark of the Covenant (the symbol of God’s presence with His people) into his new capital, Jerusalem.
- ❖ David is established as king and has rest from his enemies – he now expresses his desire to build God a temple...

DINE IN – LIVING THE DREAM.... NOW WHAT?!

2 SAMUEL 7

Take Away #1 – Making Space to Listen

For a man of action like David, a time of peace seemed like the right time to build a temple for God—but God was not in the market for a new house. Instead, He wanted to tell David about the house/dynasty that He was building for him! Making space to listen to God can be counter-intuitive for many of us – and yet sometimes that is exactly the kind of activity that is needed the most. **How positioned is your life for stillness, quiet and prayerfully listening to God’s voice?**

Luke 5:16; 9:35

Take Away #2 – Leading, Living and Sitting under Authority

David serves as model for us of someone who has power and influence that is ultimately submitted to God and His purposes. How would you describe your own heart position as it relates to God? **Are you sitting on your own throne where you call all the shots, or humbly postured and yielding to His direction?**

Colossians 2:6

CONCLUSION – WHEN A SONG SAYS IT BEST...

Psalm 95:6-7

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HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Warming Up...

1. There are many different sides to David—a poet, musician, warrior, ruler, politician, spiritual leader, father and husband. From what you know of David so far, is there a particular aspect of his character or experience that you most relate to or identify with? Why?
2. (If you have time) Ask the group – Have you ever had a major life goal or dream that did not turn out exactly like you wanted it to? How did you handle the disappointment? What did you learn from that experience?

Look to the Book...

3. Read **2 Samuel 7:1-17**: a) Looking closer look at **7:4-8**, discuss the potential strengths and weaknesses of both the tabernacle (the portable tent structure used for the sacrificial system that housed the Ark of the Covenant) and the permanent temple constructed by David’s son, Solomon. b) Do you see any link between Israel’s desire for a king in **1 Samuel 8:4-7** and the eventual building of the temple? c) According to **2 Samuel 7:7**, what does God seem to think about David’s temple idea? d) How does **Isaiah 66:1** put the idea of “building a house for God” into perspective? e) What does the fact that God endorses the temple plan (through David’s offspring) say about the kind of relationship and partnership that He has with humanity?
4. Read **Psalm 51:16-17** and **Matthew 12:1-8**. a) How do the words of David and Jesus shape our understanding of the religious sacrificial system? b) In what ways does Jesus fulfill the purpose of the temple – and much, much more?

So What?...

5. Making Space to Listen – review **Take Out #1**. a) How would you say you are doing as individuals and as a Home Church when it comes to listening to God’s voice? Encourage people to share from their own experience – both successes and failures or even frustrations. b) Is there anything that you can do this week to be more intentional in this area? Remember – this is not just about having a quiet time – it’s also about listening for and recognizing God’s intervention in our lives, even when we are busy with activities and plans.
6. Spend some time with a song that could have been written by David—**Psalm 95**. a) Read it over a few times out loud. b) Invite people to share about any area of their life where they are struggling to listen to Jesus’ voice and yield to his Lordship. Make sure that you take time to pray for one another afterwards.

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