

Cover to Cover: From Genesis to Maps
Sermon # 11 – “2 Samuel”
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1. David Solidifies His Power. Chapters 1-5

- David mourns the death of Saul and Jonathan. Chapter 1
- David is anointed King over Judah. His throne is established in Hebron. Chapter 2
- David becomes King over all Israel. 5:1-5

2. David's Successes. Chapters 5-10.

- David conquers Jerusalem. It becomes the new capital. David builds his palace there. Chapter 5.
- David brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. Chapter 6
- David desires to build a Temple for the Lord, but that honor will go to Solomon. Chapter 7.
- David receives the Davidic Covenant. 7:11-16
- David wins many victories. 8:14b-15
- David cares for Mephibosheth, Jonathan's handicapped son. 9:1-11

A picture of our relationship with Jesus Christ.

3. David's Sin. Chapters 11-12.

- David faces a mid-life crisis.
 - “An idle mind is the Devil's workshop.”
 - There are problems at home. 2 Samuel 6:16
 - David gives in to lust and has an affair with Bathsheba.
- David hatches a cover-up scheme.
 - Uriah is put to death.
- David is confronted by the prophet Nathan. Chapter 12

- David experiences brokenness and repentance.

4. David's Struggles.

- The baby dies. Chapter 12.
- Amnon rapes Tamar. Chapter 13
- Absalom kills Amnon.
- Absalom leads a rebellion against his own father. Chapter 14ff.
- Absalom is killed. Chapter 18
- David returns to power, but things are never quite the same. Chapter 19ff

5. Some Lessons We Can Learn from David.

- Don't make the mistake of thinking you're invincible. When you're on top of the world is usually when you're most vulnerable.
- Yielding to temptation is not generally a single act. Often, it is the result of a process.
- Forgiveness can remove sin's guilt, but not necessarily sin's consequences.
- You can gain the whole world but lose your own family.
- Sometimes we have to pick up the pieces and make the best of a bad situation.