

# Following After God's Heart

## 2 Samuel - Chapters 9 & 10

### *Looking Back...*

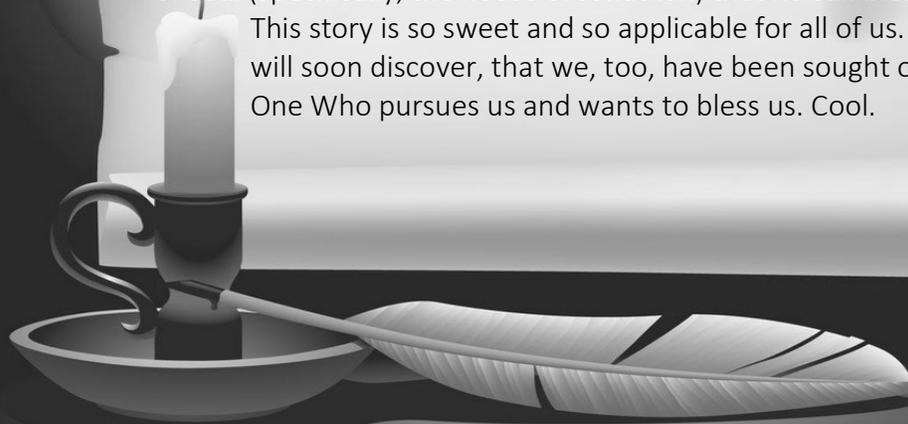
The desire of David's heart was to build a house for God. It just didn't seem right that he should live in a house of cedar while his Lord was housed in a tent! Our ways are not always God's ways ... David would not build a house for the Lord... instead his son Solomon would. God wanted to build a house for David, but not a physical house. David's kingdom would endure to the very throne of our Savior, Jesus Christ, "the son of David".

After a time of intimate worship and praise, David sets out on a wide spread conquest (Philistia, Moab, Zobah and Aram) and comes away with much spoil. David had made a name for himself throughout the land and reigned over all of Israel, proclaiming, "For You, O Lord God, have spoken; and with Your blessing may the house of Your servant be blessed forever." 2 Samuel 7:29

### *Looking Ahead...*

Remember the promise that David once made to his good friend Jonathan? David swore to Jonathan that he would not cut off his lovingkindness from his house. Upon bringing that promise to mind, David sets out to find someone...ANYONE left of the house of Saul (specifically, the house of Jonathan) that he can bless.

This story is so sweet and so applicable for all of us. We will soon discover, that we, too, have been sought out by One Who pursues us and wants to bless us. Cool.



This week's Memory verse is Song of Solomon 2:4. Begin memorizing the verse(s) today. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you memorize this passage and for opportunities to apply it...

"He has brought me to his banquet hall, and His banner over me is love."

Song of Solomon 2:4

Write out Song of Solomon 2:4: \_\_\_\_\_

Write this verse(s) on your index cards... keep one with you and post the other one in a prominent place.

**DAY ONE**

Pray, and read **2 Samuel 9:1-8**

1. So...David is reigning over all of Israel, administering justice and righteousness (2 Samuel 8:15). According to 2 Samuel 9:1, what is his next order of business? \_\_\_\_\_

♥ **Kindness:** *the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate* | How do you “measure-up” in this particular area? How do you apply kindness even when the person is cruel, or does not “deserve it”, or frankly, you just do not want to? Be honest- *positive or negative*... We are here to help each other grow...

A. David did not forget the promise he had made to Jonathan in 1 Samuel 20:15-17, 42. Do you remember what it was, and why this covenant was made? \_\_\_\_\_

2. In his search for survivors within Saul’s house, what did David “discover” and through whom? (v.2-3)

A. How does Ziba refer to himself before David? \_\_\_\_\_



According to 2 Samuel 21:1-9, Saul DID have other descendants. Why were they not brought to David as well? *Share your resource.* \_\_\_\_\_

3. Finally, we meet Jonathan’s son. What is his name and what does he do when brought before king David? (v.6a) \_\_\_\_\_

A. How does Mephibosheth refer to himself? (v.6b) \_\_\_\_\_

1. How did Mephibosheth become “crippled” in his feet? (2 Samuel 4:4) \_\_\_\_\_

4. List the three promises David made to Mephibosheth in v.7: “Do not fear...

\*\* for I will surely \_\_\_\_\_;

\*\* and will \_\_\_\_\_;

\*\* and you shall \_\_\_\_\_.”

A. God grants us many similar promises. Record what the following verses say and how they correspond to the promises David gave to Mephibosheth:

\* KINDNESS (Isaiah 54:10) \_\_\_\_\_

\* INHERITANCE (Hosea 2:19) \_\_\_\_\_

\* INVITATION TO DINE AT THE LORD’S TABLE...in the present (1 Corinthians 11:25-26) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Invitation to dine at the Lord’s table in the future (Revelation 19:9) \_\_\_\_\_



Prostrating himself, again, (v.8) must have been difficult! Share your thoughts/discoveries in regard to how Mephibosheth refers to himself. Share your resource, *if used.* \_\_\_\_\_



Time to practice our memory verse: " \_\_\_\_\_ has brought \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_, and His \_\_\_\_\_ over me is \_\_\_\_\_." \_\_\_\_\_:

**DAY TWO**

Pray, and read **2 Samuel 9:9-13**

1. Calling Ziba to himself, what does David declare? (v.9) \_\_\_\_\_

A. Although ALL that belonged to *Saul and his house* would be given to Mephibosheth what duties were entrusted to Ziba, his sons and servants? (v.10a-b) \_\_\_\_\_

1. What was absolutely made clear? (v.10c) "...nevertheless, \_\_\_\_\_



Why do you believe the number of Ziba's sons and servants is mentioned? Share your resource.

2. How "secure" was Mephibosheth's place at David's table? (v.11b) \_\_\_\_\_

A. How often did he dine at the king's table? (v.10c, 13b) \_\_\_\_\_

B. Meditate on the promise found in Luke 12:37. We will not only "dine" at the Lord's table, but what else can we expect? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Share how this blesses and/or ministers to you. \_\_\_\_\_

"We find here a beautiful picture of the love of Jesus Christ for us. Like Mephibosheth we are 'lame in both our feet', but our Lord Jesus Christ not only came to redeem us back to Himself at the cost of His blood, but also promised that we would sit with Him at the King's Table, yes, and even that, once we are there, He Himself will act as our servant and feed us at that table (Luke 12:37; Matthew 20:25-28). It is because of what He has done for us that our heavenly Father shows us kindness 'for Jesus' sake'." Peter Pett

♥ Perhaps you, or someone you love is "feeling" a bit *crippled*... un-necessary... lame, or forgotten. Read Psalm 113:5-9. This may be a source of encouragement to you, *personally*, or to that "other" person. If so, please share with your group. Remember, Iron Sharpens Iron! *We need each other!*

3. What information are we given (*at this point*) in regard to Mephibosheth? (v.12a) \_\_\_\_\_

A. Where had they been living?(v.12b) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Where now would they reside? (v.13) \_\_\_\_\_



Time to practice Song of Solomon 2:4: \_\_\_\_\_

### DAY THREE

Pray and read **2 Samuel 10:1-5**

1. As this chapter opens, what had just taken place? (v.1) \_\_\_\_\_  
A. As with Mephibosheth, it was in David's heart to show kindness to Hanun. Why? (2a) \_\_\_\_\_

**10:2 as his father showed kindness.** Perhaps when David was a refugee. Ryrie Study Bible

1. What did David "do"? (v.2b) \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Describe how David's intentions were *misrepresented* by Hanun's princes. (v.2b-3) \_\_\_\_\_

♥ Have you ever had your "intentions" *misrepresented* by someone? \_\_\_\_ How did **YOU** handle it?

3. Unlike Mephibosheth's thankful response to David, Hanun chose to heed the counsel of his princes *instead of inquiring of David*. What did he do to David's servants? (v.4) \_\_\_\_\_



David's servants experienced tremendous humiliation at the hands of Hanun. Using your study tools, share any insight(s), in regard to the significance of what was done to these men...

4. What *part* of David's heart is revealed by the way he handled this situation with his servants? (v.5) \_\_\_\_\_  
A. How tender! When David heard what had happened, he sent (*messengers*) *to meet them*. In a similar way, God runs to meet us after we have been humiliated by Satan's devious schemes. What is God's heart toward us? (Psalm 147:3) \_\_\_\_\_

♥ Perhaps the Lord wants you to be the tangible expression of comfort to someone who desperately needs restoration and healing after a hurtful experience. Ask God to reveal that person to you. \_\_\_\_\_



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### DAY FOUR

Pray, and read **2 Samuel 10:6-14**

1. According to v.6a, what did the sons of Ammon realize? \_\_\_\_\_  
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A. In an attempt to remedy the situation, what did they "do"? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Read 1 Chronicles 19:6-7. What additional information is clarified for us? \_\_\_\_\_  
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“The children of Ammon, instead of apologizing, or making any reparation for the insult to David's ambassadors, joined their own forces to a Syrian army of 33,000 men, which aggravated their former outrage, and rendered them worthy of the most signal chastisement.” Thomas Coke

2. What did David “do” in response to Ammon’s plan? (v.7) \_\_\_\_\_

A. How were David’s “mighty men” described in 1 Samuel 22:1-2? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. Let’s look at a few of these mighty men. Give their name and what they were known for.  
\*\* 2 Samuel 23:8 \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*\* 1 Chronicles 11:11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*\* 1 Chronicles 11:22-23 \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Describe Joab’s battle plan. (v.9-11) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A. Record his words of encouragement to the men as they went to their designated positions: (v.12)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

♥ Perhaps you, or someone you know would be encouraged by these words. What is God’s exhortation to those who “hope in the Lord”? (Psalm 31:24) \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. So... what happened next? (v.13-14) \_\_\_\_\_  
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“It doesn’t say that Joab engaged the Syrians in battle. This mercenary army fled before the army of the might men because God was with them. God promised this kind of blessing upon an obedient Israel.” (Deuteronomy 28:7) David Guzik



Time to practice Song of Solomon 2:4: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ask someone if you may share

Song of Solomon 2:4 with them. If you did... share with your group 😊

## DAY FIVE

Pray, and read **2 Samuel 10:15-19**

1. Instead of admitting defeat, what last ditch effort did the Arameans make? (v.15-16) \_\_\_\_\_

A. In a similar manner, Satan will make one last attempt to defeat Christ. According to Revelation 19:19-20, what will be the outcome? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What was the "final" result of this battle? (v.19) \_\_\_\_\_

**Made peace with Israel** - They made this peace separately, and were obliged to pay tribute to the Israelites. "Thus," observes Dr. Delaney, "the arms of David were blessed; and God accomplished the promises which he had made to Abraham, Genesis 15:18, and renewed to Joshua, Joshua 1:2, Joshua 1:4." And thus, in the space of nineteen or twenty years, David had the good fortune to finish gloriously eight wars, all righteously undertaken, and all honourably terminated:

1. The civil war with Ish-bosheth

2. The war against the Jebusites

3. The war against the Philistines and their allies

4. The war against the Philistines alone

5. The war against the Moabites

6. The war against Hadadezer

7. The war against the Idumeans

8. The war against the Ammonites and Syrians

This last victory was soon followed by the complete conquest of the kingdom of the Ammonites, abandoned by their allies. What glory to the monarch of Israel, had not the splendor of this illustrious epoch been obscured by a complication of crimes, of which one could never have even suspected him capable!

We have now done with the first part of this book, in which we find David great, glorious, and pious: we come to the second part, in which we shall have the pain to observe him fallen from God, and his horn defiled in the dust by crimes of the most flagitious nature. Let him that most assuredly standeth take heed lest he fall." Adam Clarke

♥ They "made peace" with Israel. Have you made peace with the Lord? If not, you can do that right now. It's easy! Just accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior! If you have made peace with God, write out Romans 5:1 and personalize it by inserting your own name in the place of "we". \_\_\_\_\_



Time to practice & write out your memory verse: \_\_\_\_\_

*"O clap your hands, all peoples; Shout to God with the voice of joy.  
For the Lord Most High is to be feared, A great King over all the earth.  
He subdues peoples under us and nations under our feet.  
He chooses our inheritance for us, The glory of Jacob whom He loves."  
Psalm 47:1-4*