

**BOOK OF 2 SAMUEL
DAVID AND GOD'S PLAN
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Introduction

It's no secret that we live in a very unstable world.

There is instability in nations.

There is instability in finances.

But I thank God that in spite of all the changes, He doesn't change.

Psalm 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: 27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

Even though we live in an unstable, changing world, **God wants us to be different...He wants us to be established! One thing every believer should desire is to be established in the LORD...established in their faith!**

We as believers should seek to be strong, stable and firm in the faith!

However, for many believers, their lives seem to be filled with nothing but ups and down. Instead of being established, they feel like life is a roller coaster, filled with twists and turns and highs and lows.

The scripture says in *1 Peter 5:10* "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

God's desire for us is that we be established! In our text, we find that David, after the death of King Saul, was anointed once again as King over Judah! Many years before, Samuel the prophet had come to Bethlehem and anointed David to be king over Israel!

He was later brought into the throne room to play his harp for Saul, and we later find him fighting the giant Goliath, then marrying Saul's daughter, and then spending several years on the run, in fear of his life because of the threats against his life by King Saul.

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Through all of that, can't you imagine that the kingdom must have seemed far away from David! The promises of the LORD, from a human standpoint, seemed to be just a pipe dream!

Yet nothing changed the fact that **David was God's anointed man!** God was going to establish David into his kingdom...in God's own timing!

God's plan included placing David on the throne of Israel, and establishing him in the blessing and the calling that God had for him! God was going to fulfill His purposes in and through David just as He said He would!

Now we need to understand that just as David was established in God's purposes for him in spite of all the troubles he faced, even so God desires that we be established in our faith in the midst of this troubled world we live in! The Bible says, *Colossians 2:6* "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

Last time we saw how David received the news of Saul and Jonathan's deaths and grieved over them. The text this week shows us three responses from David, after hearing of Saul's death, that allowed God to establish him in the place that God wanted him to be, a place of great blessing as the king of Israel.

I. DAVID SOUGHT GOD'S PLAN.

Upon hearing the news of Saul's death, David did not begin to scheme and plot on how to snatch the kingdom away from Saul's family. **He did not look to human methods or means to be established in the position that he had been chosen for.**

The world's way is to scheme and plot to get ahead in life while leaving God out of the picture. It is a dog eat dog world where one lies if necessary and stomps on whoever gets in their way of them attaining their own personal purposes for their life!

One may try to establish their life based on worldly, sensual methods, but without God it all is vain.

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David did none of these things. The Scripture reveals to us God's Word to Saul in *1 Samuel 13:14* "But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart."

David was identified as this man after God's own heart. As a man after God's heart, David did not want his kingdom built upon deceit and lies, but rather desired for God to establish him.

2 Samuel 5:12 And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

Once David realized that Saul was dead, **instead of taking things into his own hands, notice that he sought the Lord for guidance.**

It probably would have been very easy for David just to summon his men during this time of national confusion and attack the household of Saul and kill all of Saul's remaining family members and then seize control of the Kingdom. That would have been the world's way!

However, David refused to take a step without seeking the Lord first. David, no doubt, had many choices laid out before him, but he wanted God's choice. David was looking for God's guidance, or God's will!

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

To truly be established, to process all that God desires for us, we must have the LORD's priorities in our life! That which must come first for us is seeking **the kingdom of God—meaning "the rule of God"...i.e. what God desires and wants for our life.**

If we leave God out of the picture of our life, our life will not be properly established. Whenever we prioritize and put God first, we must do several things.

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1. We must acknowledge that God is in control!
We like to be in control of situations! But we must see that ultimately we are NOT in control of anything! The LORD is!

2. We must learn to wait on God!
One thing that most of us don't like to do is wait!
We don't like to wait at red lights, we don't like to wait in lines. We have been spoiled because we live in an instant, I want it now society more than ever before!

We tend to carry this over when it comes to God implementing His plan for our lives, we get impatient and if not careful, try to take things into our own hands. God has His plan and His timetable.

David knew that God is the King Maker, not man.
Psalm 37:34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

By refusing to take matters into his own hands, David acknowledged his faith that God is the One who was in control of his life.

David was not an opportunist who would stoop to any measure to ascend to the throne God had promised him. He knew that God would prove faithful and do what He said He would do, even if David had to wait a number of years for it to take place.

The quick fix is not always the answer. God wants the glory, and often He doesn't get it through the quick fix methods. The question is whose plan are you seeking for your life? Your plan or God's plan?

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II. DAVID SUBMITTED TO GOD'S PLAN.

David enquired of the LORD if He should go up to any of the cities of Judah. The Lord spoke to David and told him to go to Hebron. And that is what David did.

Now remember that Ziklag had been destroyed by the Amalakites. And Saul and his three sons were killed in the battle with the Philistines.

But, notice that the Lord did not direct David to wage war with the house of Saul, even though that is probably what his men wanted him to do.

The Lord did not tell David to plan a coronation party.
The Lord did not tell David that he needed to build a palace.
God did not tell David that he should appoint his heads of state.
He just simply directed him to go to Hebron and David obeyed.

We must see that God doesn't reveal His total plan for us up front, if He did, we would not be able to walk by faith, we would instead be walking by what we could see and understand.

David did not know all of what was going to happen, but he was trusting God to bring about His will for his life.

Our lives will never be established until we learn to submit to God. You see, God demands total obedience.

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III. DAVID WAS SATISFIED WITH GOD'S PLAN.

We know that David has been chosen by God, and anointed by Samuel **to be king over all Israel**. David sought God's plan...then submitted to God's plan and went to Hebron. While he was at Hebron, **he was chosen as king over the house/tribe of Judah**.

Now you know what a lot of people would have done.

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They would have moaned and groaned about how life wasn't fair, that they were supposed to be king over all Israel, and not just Judah.

They would not have been satisfied with what God was doing at the moment. I could just imagine some people would have even gotten mad and said "*God, if this is the best that you can do, count me out.*"

But, David was satisfied with God's plan for the moment for he knew that God would do what He said He would do.

If we trust God, we must trust Him even when we don't understand all of what's going on...in fact, we must trust Him especially when we don't understand all of what's going on!

Remember *Job 13:15* "*Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.*"

Job was saying, "*I don't understand why this is happening, it makes no sense to me, it seems that God is completely against me, but I am going to wait on the Lord for I am trusting in Him.*"

David knew that God would prove to be faithful in what He had promised. Look at what the Scripture tells us in 2 Samuel 2:11.

For 7 ½ years David reigned as King over just Judah, not Israel, but God was still working in David's life, to bless him and establish him. God had not forgotten about David and the promises He had made to him. God was not finished yet!

God will not normally bring about His total plan to us all at one time. In fact, sometimes he shows us only one step at a time, but we must seek His plan, be submitted to His plan and then be satisfied with God's working out His plan if we desire to be established by God!