

## SENIOR BIBLE FELLOWSHIP ASSIGNMENT: MARCH 24, 2026

This assignment is on “The Last Words of David” and is from 2Samuel 23:1 – 7. It will be based on a sermon I will be giving on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The assignment is based on questions I came up with for ERCC Small groups which follow the sermons.

You can watch the March 22<sup>nd</sup> sermon either live or look for it on the East Renton Community Church Website.

Please read 2Samuel 23:1 – 7, and then be ready to discuss the following questions.

### 2Samuel 23:1 – 7 The Last Words of David

1 Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, the son of Jesse, the oracle of the man who was raised on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel:

2 “The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me; his word is on my tongue.

3 The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me: When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God,

4 he dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth.

5 “For does not my house stand so with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. For will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

6 But worthless men are all like thorns that are thrown away, for they cannot be taken with the hand;

7 but the man who touches them arms himself with iron and the shaft of a spear, and they are utterly consumed with fire.”

### QUESTIONS:

1. 2Samuel 23:1 – 7, is titled, “The Last Words of David”.

- What stands out to you about David’s life?

2. In the 2Samuel 23:1 – 3, David repeats multiple times that what he is writing is coming from God: “the oracle of the man who was raised on high”, “The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me”, “his word is on my tongue”, “The God of Israel has spoken”, “The Rock of Israel has said to me”. David does not take credit for his words, instead gives credit to God. David’s humility is evident from his words to his actions.

- When you do something good or share in a group, what is your heart condition? Do you expect some recognition or do you give all glory to God?

3. David saw God as his Rock. He lived in the moment, but also looked to the future with hope based on God's covenant promises. David loved God and once God gave him direction, he was fully committed and would go into action.

From the list below, select one which tends to dominate as you decide whether to make a commitment to work God lays out for you:

- a. Holy Spirit led: Seek the Holy Spirit's leading. Once you believe it's from God...you'll commit, and through prayer and Bible reading be led by the Holy Spirit.
- b. Count the Cost: Understand the commitment in terms of disruptions to your life. Look at time, money, energy commitments. Commit if your life schedule permits.
- c. Non-committal: Knowing your life is over-scheduled, will not consider committing to anything unless absolutely necessary.
- d. Cautious: Would like to commit more, but are by nature cautious. Unknowns and What-ifs keep you from committing. Will commit once you get comfortable with the environment you are committing to.

4. Saul was rejected as king over Israel by God because his fear of man. The topic of fear of God is very deep and includes knowing yourself and knowing God. Here is a quote from the New Dictionary of Biblical Theology on fear.

**The language of fear in the Bible is part of a larger picture of God's controlling and guiding purposes. God demands obedience, but he frees his followers from fear of circumstances, their enemies and everything else, so long as they fear (respect and honour) him... This fear puts other values into their appropriate perspective. (S. E. Porter, "Fear," in New Dictionary of Biblical Theology, ed. T.D. Alexander and B.S. Rosner, electronic ed. (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000), 498)**

Share either:

- A recent experience where your fear of God prompted a decision and the outcome from it.
- A recent experience where your fear of circumstances or man, overrode your fear of God. What was the outcome?