

Message Notes | The Life of David

Part 5: When God Has Other Plans

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→ David hoped to build God a temple - **vs. 1-7**

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→ God reminds David of his faithfulness and blessing - **vs. 8-9**

#3 A _____ God can say, _____, and still be a _____ God.

→ God promises to build something for David - **vs. 11-16, Luke 1:32-33**

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→ how will I respond? - **2 Samuel 7:18-19, 22**

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1. Share an example when, "Life didn't go as planned." What did you learn from that situation? Did it affect your view of God?
2. **Read 2 Samuel 7:1-7.** David had a good plan: to build a house for God. God said, "No." Why do you think it's often harder to accept God's "no" when our plans seem good rather than selfish?
3. The sermon said, good plans are not always God's plans. What are some reasons why God might say, "No" to plans that otherwise seem to be good or noble?
4. **Read 2 Samuel 7:8-9.** Before God explained his plan, he reminded David of his grace. Why do you think God started there?

When you're discouraged or disappointed, what are some ways you can intentionally remember God's goodness or faithfulness?
5. **Read 2 Samuel 7:11-16.** David wanted to build something for God, but God wanted to do something much greater for David. What does this teach us about grace and the nature of God?
6. The sermon reminded us that while God sometimes says "no" to our plans, he has already said "yes" to our greatest needs through Jesus. Why is it so important to keep coming back to the cross when life doesn't make sense?
7. **Read 2 Samuel 7:18-22.** David's first response wasn't anger or bitterness. It was worship. What stands out to you about David's response? What do you think enabled him to respond that way?
8. The sermon ended with this encouragement: When God has other plans, don't run from God. Run to him. What is one practical way you can do that this week when facing disappointment or uncertainty?

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Bible Reading for Today

1 Samuel 7:1-16

After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

³ Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you."

⁴ But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying:

⁵ "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?' ⁶ I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. ⁷ Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'"

⁸ "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."