

A Glimpse of the Bigger Picture 2 Samuel 7:8-17

God told David no, but responded by revealing the bigger picture of what He was doing. God showed David that He is in control, He has a plan for David's life, and that plan is ultimately part of a bigger story for God's glory. How can we have that perspective and represent God's Kingdom on earth today?

Intro

- Transition from Last Week's Talk
 - o Last week "Redirection in Rejection" (David told "No")
 - o This week step back and see **A GLIMPSE FROM GOD** of the bigger picture.
 - o "Because I said so..."

Read 2 Samuel 7:8-17

- I am so thankful there are times like this where God gives us a peek at life from His perspective because it gives me something to rest in when times are hard.
 - o First ½ of Story - Baseball Injury & Girlfriend Dump Me

GOD IS IN CONTROL (Highlight I's in the passage 2 Samuel 7:8-11)

- There are a whole lot of "I's" in there!
 - o "I took you from the pasture," (8a)
 - I placed you as "ruler over My people Israel." (8b)
 - o "I have been with you" (9a)
 - "I have cut off all your enemies" (9a)
 - o "I will make you a great name" (9b)
 - o "I will also appoint a place for My people Israel" (10a)
 - I "will plant them, that they not be disturbed again" (10b)
 - "I will give you rest from all your enemies." (11a)
- **Primary Passage (2 SAMUEL 7:8)**
 - o **"I took you from the pasture, I placed you as "ruler over My people Israel."**
 - You think David was stressing about how to become King when he was a shepherd out in the field?
- God simply being in control could be scary, but there's more...

GOD HAS A PLAN (2 Samuel 7:12-15)

- o **PERSONAL** "I will raise up your descendant after you" (12a)
 - "I will establish his kingdom" (12b)
 - "He shall build a house for My name" (13a)
 - "I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." (13b)
 - "I will be a father to him" (14a)
- o **CARRIED OUT IN LOVE**
 - My lovingkindness shall not depart from him." (15)

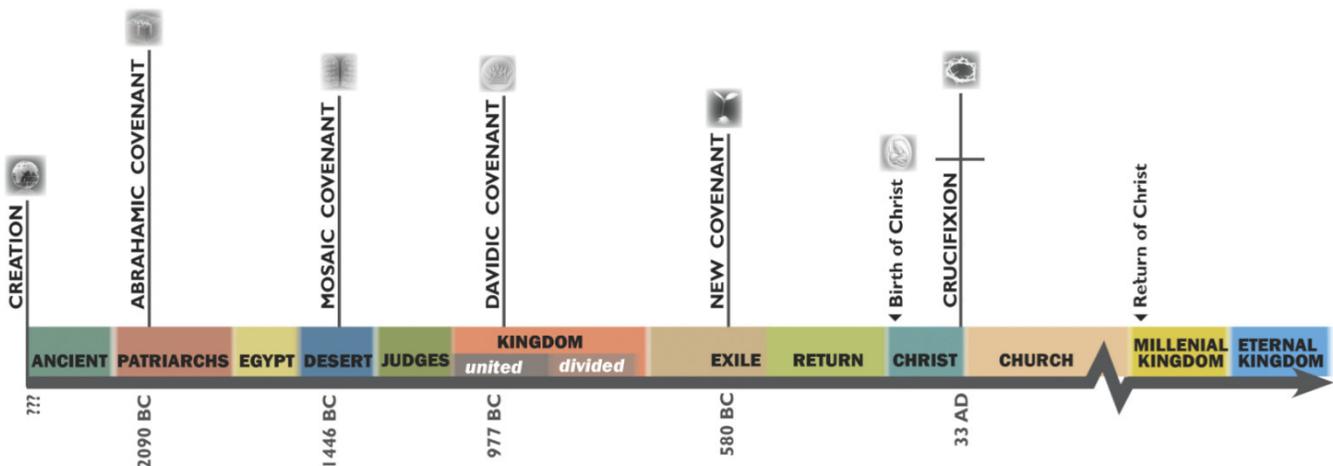
God has a plan for your life!

- At this point I think David's head was probably spinning! He's thinking, "Man, I just wanted to build a house for the LORD"... instead he ends up being promised one of the four big covenants in the Bible. God makes promises for Him, for Israel, and for his descendants.
 - o David was very fortunate have God reveal the bigger picture. In our lives, God often chooses not to open our eyes to reveal how He's at work in our lives... But
 - o He has given us the Scripture!
 - **Romans 8:28** – "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."
 - Finish Story - Baseball Injury & Girlfriend Dump Me
 - o As freeing and empowering as this can be, if we stop here everything is still "all about ME." To see the bigger picture clearly, I want to take a step back and look at how the Davidic Covenant fits in with the rest of the Bible...

THERE IS A BIGGER STORY

- All the way back to Creation and look at history through the lens of one overarching story... His Story. **God's plan from the very beginning was to have humans on earth representing the Kingdom of God.** ...before the story even got going, we messed it up.

TIMELINE OF BIBLICAL HISTORY



- Adam & Eve (all mankind - go multiply, fill & subdue the earth)
 - o From the moment of the fall in **Genesis 3:15** we are told what to look for... "A man to come who the serpent will bruise His heel, but He will crush the serpents' head."

It's like you're looking through a funnel and the picture of the man to come is becoming more and more clear.

- Abrahamic Gen 12 & 15 (**one man & family**; through them all nations) [land, seed, blessing]
- Mosaic Ex 24 (**Israel & Obedience** – Receive God's blessing → The Law/Perfect Obedience)
- Davidic 2 Sam 7 (**Line of David & King/Kingdom**) [House, Throne, Kingdom]
- New Jer. 31 & Ez. 36 (**God's Spirit within you and cause you to obey**) [desire, ability, land]
- Check out how this passage ends... read verse 16 with me (Read 2 Samuel 7:16)
 - o Throne, House Kingdom

- Now flip with me *to city of Nazareth @ announcement of Jesus' birth* and read Luke 1:30-33
 - o Throne, House, Kingdom
- The Davidic Covenant serves two purposes:
 - o 1. It is relevant for David and his immediate circumstances
 - o 2. It is also meant to point to Jesus Christ as part of a Bigger Story
- In the same way utilize the peace that comes from allowing God to be the author of your life:
 - o 1. To experience peace and stability in the specifics of life
 - o 2. To use that peace and stability to point others to Jesus Christ
- We can only do that if we realize that God is not only the author of our life, but He is also the Main Character

GOD IS THE MAIN CHARACTER

- **TOY STORY CLIP** – “You Are A Toy!”
 - o Buzz needed a perspective change!
- True freedom comes when you are able to stop seeing your time, resources, and life-plan as “your story” and you are able to see it as a page in God’s story to be used as He desires...
- **Matthew 16:25** – “**For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it, But whoever loses his life for my sake shall save it.**”
 - o you are then free to fulfill the role you were created for...

BE A KINGDOM REPRESENTATIVE

- o fill the earth with God’s glory
- o and point others to Christ!
- This clicked for me right before I proposed to my wife. I told her, “Amanda, I can’t promise you any amount of wealth or success. I desire to give God all of my life, to follow His lead with all of my heart, and to love you well while doing so.” I haven’t perfectly followed God’s plans in His timing, but when I have, it has always proven to be what is best.

Application

1. **Practice Seeing God as the Main Character**
 - **PRAY (Now & Ongoing)**
 - **Now** - Ask God to help you take on this perspective now.
 - **Ongoing** - Make your internship, major, dating relationship, etc all about His plans and not your own plans.
2. **Be a Kingdom Representative Now**
 - Give your finances to College Missions
 - Use your gifts to serve
 - Apply for College Ministry Leadership
 - Youth, Club 56, Children’s
 - BYBC the 2nd week in June
 - Invest in a non-believing friend to point them toward Jesus Christ