

## SERMON NOTES

**OCT 18, 2020**

*Start by praying and asking for God's help as you seek to grow as authentic followers of Jesus.*

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

1. Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17. Make 5-7 observations. What seems most important? What do you see about God? What emotions are present? What changes?
2. David wanted to do something good for God, and yet God said, "No." Has something like this ever happened to you? How do you think you would respond to a similar disappointment in life?
3. In verses 5-16, notice how many times God speaks about what he himself *has already done* or *is going to do* for David? You might even want to underline each time God says "I" in these verses.

What can we learn about God from this?

4. Have you ever studied what the Bible says about the covenants before? How does this framework change the way you read your Bible and give you a clearer view of our big God doing big things in our redemption?

*Note: you may want to go back to record the covenants and the bible passages where they are found for future study.*

5. Read 2 Samuel 7:18-29. How does David respond to what the Lord has spoken? What can we learn about our worship and prayer life from David's actions here?

Bonus question: did you notice where David was when he prayed this prayer? Hint: see verse 18.

### LIVING IT OUT

6. Do you ever deal with guilt that you are not good enough for God or do not do enough for God?
7. God "outbuilds" David by doing something greater than David could have imagined. What difference does it make for you to know that you can never outbuild, out-give, out-serve or out-love God?
8. One man said that "prayer pleads promises." We saw an example of this in David's prayer. How might this concept revolutionize your prayer life?
9. 2 Samuel 7 teaches amazing truth about God's plans, God's grace, and God's promises. Do you give full weight to the fact that Jesus is the Son of David who came to rescue, redeem, restore and reign forever in a kingdom of justice, equity, peace and joy? Why or why not?
10. As you consider the times we are living in and all that we are facing in the next few months, how should your outlook and your attitude be formed the truth that you are a privileged recipient of the steadfast love of King Jesus whose covenant promises will never be revoked or reneged?
11. What is one thing that stands out most to you from this lesson?