



**Main Point:** In the first half of Samuel we learn that, following the disobedience and faithlessness of His people, God would extend His rule through His Word (the office of prophet) and human authorities (the office of king). In the second half of Samuel (2nd Samuel), God uses the reign and life of King David to teach the people what the Man of God practically looks like. Though the life of David is far from perfect, we do learn the key to being a "Man after God's Own heart" includes "Obedience in our Calling", "Humility in our Failures" & "Submission in God's Restoration".

**1. Obedience in Our Calling... 2 Samuel 1-9**

- a. David Patiently Unified the People      2 Samuel 1:1-5:5
  - Grieves Over Death of Saul      2 Samuel 1
  - Anointed King of Judah      2 Samuel 2:1-7
  - Civil War with Ishbosheth      2 Samuel 2:8-4:12
  - Anointed King of Israel      2 Samuel 5:1-5
- b. David Strengthens the Nation      2 Samuel 5:6-10:19
  - Establishes New Political Capital      2 Samuel 5:6-25
  - Establishes New Religions Center      2 Samuel 6
  - Davidic Covenant      2 Samuel 7
  - Expanded Borders      2 Samuel 8 & 10
  - Fulfills Promises      2 Samuel 9

**2. Humility in Our Failures... 2 Samuel 11-18**

- a. David Disobey's the Lord      2 Samuel 11:1-12:15
  - Adultery & Murder      2 Samuel 11
  - Rebuke, Confession & Repentance      2 Samuel 12:1-15
- b. Actions Have Consequences      2 Samuel 12:16-18:33
  - Immediate Fall Out      2 Samuel 12:16-31
  - Long Lasting Effects      2 Samuel 13-18
    - Amnon Rapes Tamar      2 Samuel 13:1-22
    - Absalom Kills Amnon      2 Samuel 13:23-39
    - Absalom's Rebellion      2 Samuel 14-17
    - Absalom's Death & Defeat      2 Samuel 18

**3. Submission in Gods Restoration... 2 Samuel 19-22**

- a. David Restored to the Throne      2 Samuel 19-20
  - Extends Mercy / Exacts Judgment      2 Samuel 19:1-20:22
  - Rewards Faithfulness      2 Samuel 20:23-26
- b. David Returns to Obedience      2 Samuel 21-23
  - Reigns over Affairs of the Nation      2 Samuel 21
  - Worships the Lord      2 Samuel 22
  - Parting Words & Mighty Men      2 Samuel 23
- c. Still Learning Repentance      2 Samuel 24



### *Day 1: Deadly Ark....*

**2 Samuel 6: 1-11 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). Though King David's intentions are pure in wanting to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, what was David's critical mistake? (2). In God's eyes the "ends don't justify the means"... God was us to do the right things the right way.... why was it unacceptable for someone to touch the Ark? (3). How should this effect the way we approach God?

### *Day 2: Undignified....*

**2 Samuel 6: 12-23 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). As the Ark returned we see David dancing in the streets.... what does this reveal about the heart of David before God? (2). Why do you think Michal choose not to join in David's worship? (3). Because Michal cared more about the opinions of the crowd than that of God, what was the ultimate result of her decisions?

### *Day 3: Bathing Beauty....*

**2 Samuel 11: 1-27 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). Why do you think verse one sets the scene for this tragic story the way it does? (2). Was it a sin for David to accidentally see Bathseba bathing on the rooftop? (3). Why is it so important for us to guard our eyes and more importantly protect our thoughts when it comes to sex & lust?

### *Day 4: Hammer Falls....*

**2 Samuel 12: 1-15 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). When we sin and commit wrong doing, who are we actually sinning against? (2). Because all sin is committed against God, can we actually ever commit sin in secret? (3). Though David took responsibility and repented of his actions, did he escape punishment?

### *Day 5: Brotherly Unlove....*

**2 Samuel 13: 1-33 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). Do you think Amnon was in love with Tamar or was rather infatuated with her? (2). Why do you think David refused to take action in the situation? (3). Do you think Absalom was in sin for killing Amnon?

### *Day 6: Rubbing Off....*

**2 Samuel 21: 15-22 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). David's original 400 men were cowards, where do you think these men got the courage to fight the Philistine giants? (2). Do you have influence on the people around you? (3). Has the attitude of your King rubbed off on you?

**DEVOTIONS**

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