

THEME: HEART: CHASING AFTER GOD

WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

2 Samuel 7:1-8:18

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“What do you do when God doesn't let you do all that is in your heart?”

2 Samuel 7:1 Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him *rest from all his surrounding enemies*,² the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.”³ And **Nathan said to the king**, “*Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you.*”

⁴ **But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan**, ⁵ “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord: **Would you build me a house to dwell in?** ⁶ **I have not lived in a house** since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷ In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges^{sq} of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’

⁸ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘**Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince^{sq} over my people Israel.**

⁹ And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly,¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, **I will raise up your offspring after you**, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ **He shall build a house for my name**, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,¹⁵ but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me.^{sq} Your throne shall be established forever.” ¹⁷ **In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.**

I. TRUST HIM THAT HE STILL HAS A PLAN.

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? ¹⁹ And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord God. You have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord God! ²⁰ And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord God! ²¹ ***Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it.***

²² Therefore you are great, O Lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²³ And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods? ²⁴ And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O Lord, became their God.

²⁵ And now, O Lord God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and ***do as you have spoken.*** ²⁶ And your name will be magnified forever, saying, ‘The Lord of hosts is God over Israel,’ and the house of your servant David will be established before you. ²⁷ For you, O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, ‘***I will build you a house.***’ Therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. ²⁸ And now, O Lord God, ***you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant.*** ²⁹ Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord God, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever.”

II. AGREE WITH HIM THAT HE KNOWS BEST.

John 2:18 So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

2 Samuel 8:1 After this David defeated the Philistines and subdued them, and David took Gath out of the hand of the Philistines.

² And he defeated Moab and he measured them with a line, making them lie down on the ground. Two lines he measured to be put to death, and one full line to be spared. And the Moabites became servants to David and brought tribute.

³ David also defeated Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to restore his power at the river Euphrates. ⁴ And David took from him 1,700 horsemen, and 20,000 foot soldiers. And David hamstringed all the chariot horses but left enough for 100 chariots. ⁵ And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck down 22,000 men of the Syrians. ⁶ Then David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus, and the Syrians became servants to David and brought tribute. ***And the Lord gave victory to David wherever he went.*** ⁷ And David took the shields of gold that were carried by the servants of Hadadezer and brought them to Jerusalem. ⁸ And from Bethah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took very much bronze.

⁹ When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had defeated the whole army of Hadadezer, ¹⁰ Toi sent his son Joram to King David, to ask about his health and to bless him because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him, for Hadadezer had often been at war with Toi. And Joram brought with him articles of silver, of gold, and of bronze. ¹¹ These also King David dedicated to the Lord, together with the silver and gold that he dedicated from all the nations he subdued, ¹² from Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

¹³ And David made a name for himself when he returned from striking down 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt. ¹⁴ Then he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the Lord gave victory to David wherever he went.

¹⁵ So David reigned over all Israel. And David administered justice and equity to all his people.

III. DO EVERYTHING HE HAS CALLED YOU TO DO.