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Sunday Nights, Winter 2020-21

The Last Two Weeks



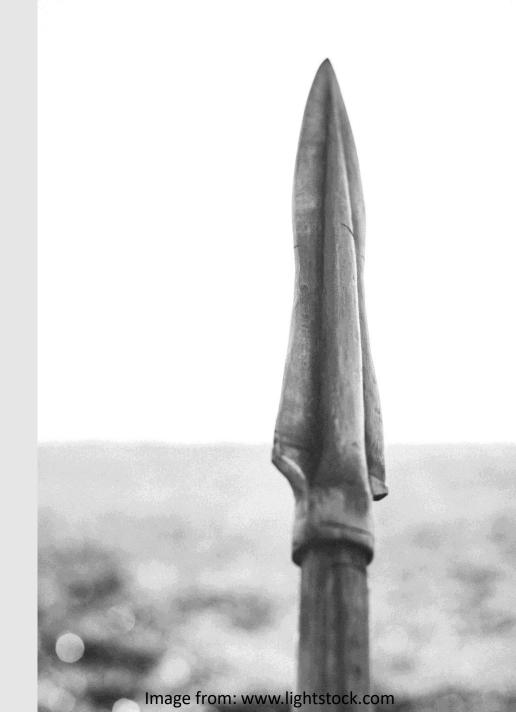
David in the Big Story of the Bible

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Kindness and Strength

God's Strength in 2 Samuel 8 and 10



2 Samuel 8:6

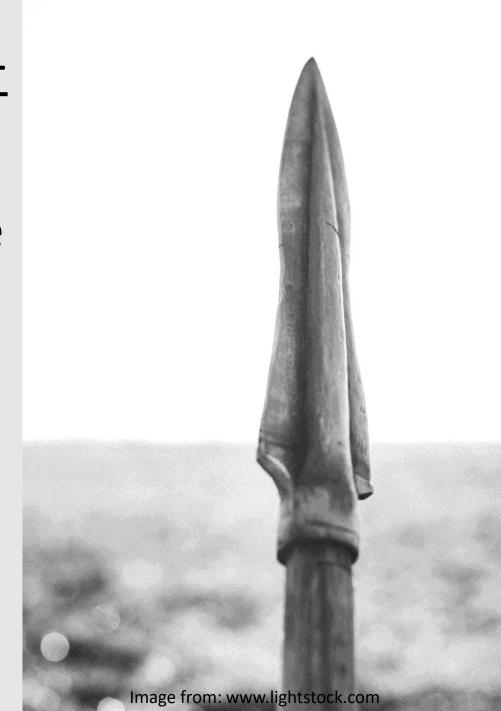
⁶ Then David put garrisons among the Arameans of Damascus, and the Arameans became servants to David, bringing tribute. And the LORD helped David wherever he went.



2 Samuel 8:14

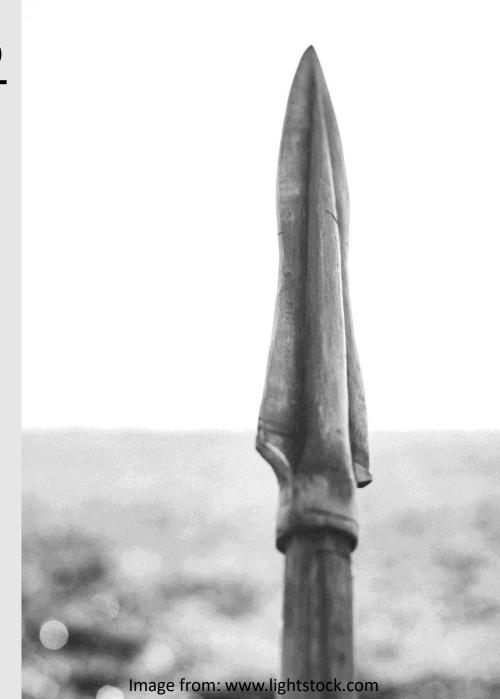
¹⁴ He put garrisons in Edom. In all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became servants to David.

And the LORD helped David wherever he went.



2 Samuel 8:15

¹⁵ So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered justice and righteousness for all his people.



Godly Kindness in 2 Samuel 9



David's question – v. 1.

2 Samuel 9:1

¹Then David said, "Is there yet anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

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Verses about what kings usually did:

2 Kings 10:11,17

¹¹ So Jehu killed all who remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men and his acquaintances and his priests, until he left him without a survivor.

2 Kings 10:11,17

¹⁷ When he came to Samaria, he killed all who remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to Elijah.

2 Kings 11:1

¹ When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she rose and destroyed all the royal offspring.

2 Samuel 9:1

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Some promises David had made:

1 Samuel 20:13-15

¹³ ... And may the LORD be with you as He has been with my father. 14 If I am still alive, will you not show me the lovingkindness of the LORD, that I may not die? 15 You shall not cut off your lovingkindness from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

1 Samuel 24:20-22

²⁰ Now, behold, I know that you will surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hand.

²¹ So now swear to me by the LORD that you will not cut off my descendants after me and that you will not destroy my name from my father's household."

1 Samuel 24:20-22

²² David swore to Saul. And Saul went to his home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

Godly Kindness in 2 Samuel 9



Ziba answers David − v. 2-4.

² Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant."

³ The king said, "Is there not yet anyone of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is crippled in both feet."

⁴ So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel in Lo-debar."

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 How Mephibosheth became lame:

2 Samuel 4:4

⁴ Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son crippled in his feet. He was five years old when the report of Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened that in her hurry to flee, he fell and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.

Godly Kindness in 2 Samuel 9



David honors Mephibosheth
 v. 5-13.

2 Samuel 9:5

⁵ Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.

Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and prostrated himself. And David said, "Mephibosheth." And he said, "Here is your servant!"

⁷ David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan, and will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul; and you shall eat at my table regularly."

⁸ Again he prostrated himself and said, "What is your servant, that you should regard a dead dog like me?"

⁹Then the king called Saul's servant Ziba and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson.

¹⁰ You and your sons and your servants shall cultivate the land for him, and you shall bring in the produce so that your master's grandson may have food; nevertheless Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall eat at my table regularly." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

¹¹ Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant so your servant will do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table as one of the king's sons.

- ¹² Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Mica. And all who lived in the house of Ziba were servants to Mephibosheth.
- ¹³ So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate at the king's table regularly. Now he was lame in both feet.



Reminders About Kindness



1) God's kindness to us should motivate our kindness to others.

Titus 3:4-5

- ⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared,
- ⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

Romans 2:4

⁴Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

Galatians 5:22-23

- ²² But the <u>fruit of the Spirit</u> is love, joy, peace, patience, <u>kindness</u>, goodness, faithfulness,
- ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



2) Many people see in 2 Samuel 9 a picture of the gospel.

Ephesians 2:4-7

- ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Ephesians 2:4-7

- ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,
- ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.