



OLD TESTAMENT • HISTORY

2 Samuel

Covenant hope amid the failures of power

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The big picture

David becomes king over Israel and makes Jerusalem his capital. God's promise to establish his house gives the story a future horizon. Yet David's abuse of power against Bathsheba and Uriah brings devastating consequences. Nathan's confrontation, David's repentance, and turmoil within the royal family refuse to make the king an uncomplicated hero. God's covenant faithfulness does not erase human responsibility.

Words to carry

"And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever."

2 Samuel 7:16 · KJV

Live it

- 01 Accept correction without shifting blame.
- 02 Use influence to protect others, especially where power is unequal.
- 03 Take a concrete step toward repairing harm you have caused.

Pause & reflect

Where do I need honest repentance rather than a better excuse?

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