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DAVID: A MAN OF PASSION & DESTINY

WHEN GOD SAYS NO

2 SAMUEL 7

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The Heart of the Matter

Some experiences in the Christian life are best described as times of misery. Failure, mixed with disobedience and discouragement, is hard to bear. Some experiences are times of ministry, where the Lord gives special measures of strength and encouragement—where you are used in fruitful ways—and it's a downhill slide. Some experiences are times of mystery. Nothing is necessarily wrong or missing in your walk with the Lord, but for some unexplainable reason He places a definite restraint on you. His denial can lead to disillusionment or be used as a cause for continued growth in obedience. David experienced that mysterious “no” at a crucial juncture in his life. Let's see how he handled it.



Discovering the Way

1. A Peaceful Interlude (2 Samuel 7:1–3)

David's kingdom experienced peace with other nations and within Israel, prompting David's plan to build a temple for the ark of the covenant.

2. A Divine Response (2 Samuel 7:4–17)

God denied David's request to build the temple but made a covenant with David, promising that his kingdom would endure forever.

3. A Triumphant Prayer (2 Samuel 7:18–29)

David sat before the Lord and prayed thankfully to his God.

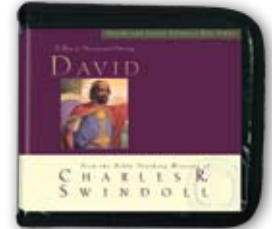


Starting Your Journey

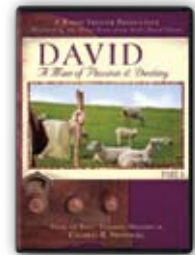
When God says no, He has a better way ahead for us. Our best reaction is cooperation with Him and support of His decision.



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