
2Samuel

Sub Heading

The book of [2Samuel](#) records what happened to the kingdom after Saul's death. After mourning the death of King Saul, the southern area of Judah anointed David as king, but the northern area of Israel anointed Ishbosheth, Saul's son, as king.

The book of [2Samuel](#) covers the 40 years of King David's reign. When David was 30, he began to reign over Judah. Seven years later, the entire nation anointed David as king.

David foreshadowed Christ as a victorious warrior and worshiper.

High-Level Outline

- David Unites the People, 1-7
- David Expands the Borders, 8-10
- David Disobeys the Lord, 11-20
- David Closes His Reign, 21-24

Personal Reflection and Application

Do you sometimes feel like David did in [2Samuel 17](#)? Perhaps you feel as though everyone is against you. Notice that even in those bleak times that God always gave David an opportunity to restore his relationship with Him. If you have accepted

Christ as Savior, the same is true for you. He is always calling you back to be close with Him. He will never leave you or forsake you ([Heb 13:5](#)).

Small Group Conversation Guide

In [2Samuel 6:1-12](#), David became angry and afraid of God when He struck down Uzzah for touching the ark. David's reaction was to leave the ark with Obbededom rather than take it with him to Bethlehem. While the ark was with Obbededom, David missed out on God's blessings.

Discuss times when you have put distance between yourself and God.

- Was it because of anger, fear, guilt, or some other reason?
- What did it take for you to go back to seeking a close relationship with God?

Leadership Principles from 2Samuel

Danger of Prosperity and Idleness

What weakened David to the point where he fell into sin with Bathsheba ([2Sam 11](#))?

There's a line in a song "Uncle John's Band" (Grateful Dead, Workingman's Dead) that gives us a clue:

"When life looks like easy street, there is danger at your door."

Easy street, prosperity and idleness, are dangerous. David's prosperity gave him the means to feed his flesh. He accumulated wives and possessions against the clear warning God had given to kings in [Deuteronomy 17:16-20](#).

God had crushed all David's foes. The danger and struggle that had kept David in constant prayer were no longer there. He was so relaxed that he didn't even go with Joab to finish off the last of the Ammonites. Being **idle** put David in a position of temptation.

What precautions do you take against the dangers of prosperity and idleness?

Something to Find in Each Chapter

As you read through the book, it may help to have something to find in each chapter.
Try these:

01. How David reacted to King Saul's death	02. How David knew it was time to move to Hebron
03. What David said about Joab's revenge on Abner	04. How David responded to Ishbosheth's assassins
05. How David knew to attack the Philistines	06. Why Uzzah died
07. What God did not allow David to do	08. How King Toi responded to the defeat of Hadadezer
09. How David kept his vow to his good friend Jonathan	10. How Joab fought two armies simultaneously
11. What David should have been doing when tempted	12. What David said about the death of his baby
13. What David did to address his son Amnon's sin	14. How Joab got David to let Absalom return home
15. What Absalom did to win the people's affection	16. How David responded to Shimei's cursing
17. How Ahithophel reacted to his advice being ignored	18. Why the soldiers refused to kill Absalom in the tree
19. Why Joab was angry with David	20. How Sheba the son of Bichri died
21. Why Israel prohibited David from going to war	22. What David's song said about the Lord first
23. What God says leaders must do to rule well	24. Why David chose to experience a three-day plague