

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 03 Jun 2018.....	2Sam 1-2.....	Respected
2) 10 Jun.....	2Sam 3-4.....	Crowned
3) 17 Jun.....	2Sam 5-6.....	Celebrated
4) 24 Jun.....	2Sam 7-8.....	Established
5) 01 Jul.....	2Sam 9-10.....	Valued
6) 08 Jul.....	2Sam 11-12.....	Accountable
7) 15 Jul.....	2Sam 13-14.....	Grieved
8) 22 Jul.....	2Sam 15-17.....	Deposed
9) 29 Jul.....	2Sam 18-19.....	Restored
10) 05 Aug.....	2Sam 20.....	Averted
11) 12 Aug.....	2Sam 21.....	Resolved
12) 19 Aug.....	2Sam 22-23.....	Thankful
13) 26 Aug.....	2Sam 24.....	Disciplined

INTRODUCTION

- David is finally anointed King over Israel, he conquers and subdues the last of his enemies, and he finds time to take on more wives and concubines. Would God answer any of our prayers if we chased after numerous "significant others" instead of chasing after Him?

Passage	Comments
1Samuel 5:1-12	<p>David is Finally Anointed King Over Israel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv1-5. David was 30 years old when anointed King over Judah. So, he received his initial anointing from Samuel about 10-15 years earlier. Then 7 years later he was final anointed king over Israel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What other "anointings" took years to happen? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It took 400+ years for Israel to leave Egypt and migrate toward the Promised Land Gen 15:13 The Messiah was anointed and promised more than 1,000 years before appearing Ps 2:2 Yet, the Lord is not slow/slack toward keeping His promises 2Pet 3:9 vv6-12. David became greater and greater, for God was with him. The secret of David's success was the Lord Himself. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David did not settle for the status quo. Instead, he led His people forward in growth & development v12. Notice, David "realized" he was made king not because of his skills, smarts, and good looks, but because God did it for the sake of His people Israel Hopefully, church leaders are leading congregations to ever higher ground – because the Lord is with them – and for the sake of His people; for we are being transformed "from one degree of glory to another" (ESV). IOW, our faith should continually spiral upwards, not down. If we are not growing, what is wrong? 2Cor 3:18
5:13-16	<p>Where Did David Find Time to Date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v13. He had 7 wives & 6 sons when he became King of Judah. Now he takes on more wives & concubines. Yet God was still willing to work with Him God is willing to work with us and all of our shortcomings. Recall the woman at the well with 5 husbands and a live-in boyfriend. Jesus intentionally went looking for her . John 4:18 Who does God prefer NOT to work with? <input type="checkbox"/> Unrepentant? <input type="checkbox"/> Ungrateful? <input type="checkbox"/> Unloving? <input type="checkbox"/> Others?
5:17-25	<p>God Allows His Enemies to Harass His People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv17-19. The Philistines rose up to attack David, and David did what the Lord desired Him to do – To Ask for Guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does God respond to our requests for guidance and help today? <input type="checkbox"/> He sends an email? <input type="checkbox"/> Providential happenings? <input type="checkbox"/> It is very subjective? v21. David's men absconded w/ the enemies' idols After every spiritual victory watch out for pitfalls <p>God Seldom Works the Same Way Twice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv20,25. The Philistines came a 2nd time, and God gave different advice to beat them. WHY? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God has countless ways to help us in our needs There is no one solution that fits every need EXCEPT to OBEY in every case

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall the Woman at the Well. It is not recorded if Jesus ever told her how she could straighten out her messed up life. If it was recorded, we would pigeonhole every similar case into that box. But we need to use godly discernment for every tough case God sends our way to lovingly resolve life's issues, and every case may different.
6:1-11	<p>God Wants Obedience Not Sacrifice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David, with honest intentions and heartfelt devotion to the Lord, prepared to move the Ark back to Jerusalem with pomp and glory – So, why did God come down so hard? Where do we take God lightly today – and what are the repercussions?
Special ARK Commands and Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God warned the Israelites not to touch or even look at the holy artifacts for fear of death..... Ex 19:21; Num 4:15, 20 Some even speculate the multi-layered garments and special head ware the priests wore had some kind of protective properties, for even having a wardrobe malfunction warranted death Lev 10:6 The priests were sequestered for 7 days within the tabernacle so they would not die. Some speculate the ARK had some kind of radiation, biological, or electrical properties the priests had to first get acclimated to..... Lev 8:31-36 Recall when the Lord killed over 50,000 for peering into the ARK 1Sam 6:19 ...and, here, Uzzah died for touching the ARK, for only the priests had that privilege 2Sam 6:6-7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Law never explicitly forbade the use of a cart to carry the Ark of the Covenant, but King David found out the hard way after the death of Uzzah that he better let the Levites alone carry the Ark 2Samuel 6
6:12-23	<p>Michal Despised David and Paid a Price</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was Michal in the wrong for judging David as she did? Was David in the right to deprive his wife of sex?..... 1Cor 7:5 Why did God have this event recorded for us?

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- It doesn't matter how high someone can jump in praising God, but when they land do they walk a straight narrow line?

NEXT WEEK: 2Samuel 7-8. God did not allow David to build Him a house because he shed too much blood, yet God still helped David wherever he went. We don't have to be perfect before God helps us.

