

Bridging

God's Redemptive Story thru David--part 5

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DAY 1: God's most difficult task: getting our eyes off of self.

1. We finish our brief study of God's redemptive story in David following his adultery with Bathsheba and his conspiracy to commit murder of her husband, Uriah. The chaos that ensued was horrifying and deeply grieving to David. One of the lessons of David's later life is: there is a high price to pay for sin.

2. David experienced more heartache in his later years:

- Death of Absalom (2 Sam. 18)
- General Joab changes allegiance (2 Sam. 20)
- Famine across the land (2 Sam. 21)
- War with Philistines (2 Sam. 21)
- Foolishly numbers the people--a deliberate act of pride and stubbornness (2 Sam. 24)

3. God's greatest task in life is changing human nature to reflect something of the life of His Son, Jesus. The Great Commandment...

Matthew 22:37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."³⁸ This is the great and first commandment.

³⁹ And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

4. Loving God and loving people is not about having warm and fuzzy feelings toward God and people. Loving like Jesus does means we do whatever is in our means to value someone (God and people) more than we value ourselves in any given minute.

5. The Great Commission guides us to the priority of people over ourselves:

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

6. This week we'll look at two events that depict God's work in David to make him a man who is:

a. Becoming God-centered: *2 Samuel 22*

b. Becoming people-centered: *1 Chronicles 28-29*

7. How do you see God at work in you to make you more God-centered and people-centered?

DAY 2: Becoming God-centered.

1. Along with becoming a shepherd, warrior, musician, and king, David also became a poet, the author of many of the Psalms. 2 Samuel 22 are the lyrics to a song he wrote. There are a few places where you may cringe at what he's claiming about himself. What he is describing is not "perfection," but the general theme of his life--to be God's man.

2. During the next two days, do the following:

a. Underline what David has learned about God.

b. Put a **checkmark** next to the words that depict the different kinds of trouble David endured.

c. **Circle** words that depict David's response to God (obedience, loyalty, etc.)

2 Samuel 22:1 And David spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.

² He said, "The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer,

³ my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; thou savest me from violence.

⁴ I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

⁵ "For the waves of death encompassed me, the torrents of perdition assailed me;

⁶ the cords of Sheol entangled me, the snares of death confronted me.

⁷ "In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears.

⁸ "Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations of the heavens trembled and quaked, because he was angry.

⁹ Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him.

¹⁰ He bowed the heavens, and came down; thick darkness was under his feet.

¹¹ He rode on a cherub, and flew; he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

¹² He made darkness around him his canopy, thick clouds, a gathering of water.

¹³ Out of the brightness before him coals of fire flamed forth.

¹⁴ The LORD thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered his voice.

¹⁵ And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and routed them.

¹⁶ Then the channels of the sea were seen, the foundations of the world were laid bare, at the rebuke of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

¹⁷ "He reached from on high, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

¹⁸ He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me.

¹⁹ They came upon me in the day of my calamity; but the LORD was my stay.

²⁰ He brought me forth into a broad place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

²¹ "The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me.

²² For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

²³ For all his ordinances were before me, and from his statutes I did not turn aside.

3. What struck you most from the first half of 2 Samuel 22?

DAY 3: Becoming God-centered

1. We continue 2 Samuel 22. As you read, please do the following:

- a. Underline what David has learned about God.
- b. Put a **checkmark** next to the words that depict the different kinds of trouble David endured.
- c. Circle words that depict David's response to God (obedience, loyalty, etc.)

2 Samuel 22:24 *I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from guilt.*

²⁵ *Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight.*

²⁶ *"With the loyal thou dost show thyself loyal; with the blameless man thou dost show thyself blameless; ²⁷ with the pure thou dost show thyself pure, and with the crooked thou dost show thyself perverse.*

²⁸ *Thou dost deliver a humble people, but thy eyes are upon the haughty to bring them down.*

²⁹ *Yea, thou art my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness.*

³⁰ *Yea, by thee I can crush a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.*

³¹ *This God -- his way is perfect; the promise of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.*

³² *"For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?"*

³³ *This God is my strong refuge, and has made my way safe.*

³⁴ *He made my feet like hinds' feet, and set me secure on the heights.*

³⁵ *He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.*

³⁶ *Thou hast given me the shield of thy salvation, and thy help made me great.*

³⁷ *Thou didst give a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip;*

³⁸ *I pursued my enemies and destroyed them, and did not turn back until they were consumed.*

³⁹ *I consumed them; I thrust them through, so that they did not rise; they fell under my feet.*

⁴⁰ *For thou didst gird me with strength for the battle; thou didst make my assailants sink under me.*

⁴¹ *Thou didst make my enemies turn their backs to me, those who hated me, and I destroyed them.*

⁴² *They looked, but there was none to save; they cried to the LORD, but he did not answer them.*

⁴³ *I beat them fine as the dust of the earth, I crushed them and stamped them down like the mire of the streets.*

⁴⁴ *"Thou didst deliver me from strife with the peoples; thou didst keep me as the head of the nations; people whom I had not known served me.*

⁴⁵ *Foreigners came cringing to me; as soon as they heard of me, they obeyed me.*

⁴⁶ *Foreigners lost heart, and came trembling out of their fastnesses.*

⁴⁷ *"The LORD lives; and blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation,*

⁴⁸ *the God who gave me vengeance and brought down peoples under me,*

⁴⁹ *who brought me out from my enemies; thou didst exalt me above my adversaries, thou didst deliver me from men of violence.*

⁵⁰ *"For this I will extol thee, O LORD, among the nations, and sing praises to thy name.*

⁵¹ *Great triumphs he gives to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David, and his descendants for ever."*

2. What strikes you about a God-centered person?

DAY 4: Becoming God-centered and people-centered.

1. As David's life is winding down, his health crumbling, he is intent on leaving his nation on good footing, both in domestic policy and foreign policy. The key ingredient for David is centering the people and his successor to the throne on godly principles.

1 Chronicles 28:1 David assembled at Jerusalem all the officials of Israel, ...

² Then King David rose to his feet and said: "Hear me, my brethren and my people. I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God; and I made preparations for building.

³ But God said to me, 'You may not build a house for my name, for you are a warrior and have shed blood.'

⁴ Yet the LORD God of Israel chose me from all my father's house to be king over Israel for ever; for he chose Judah as leader, and in the house of Judah my father's house, and among my father's sons he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel.

⁵ And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons) he has chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

⁶ He said to me, 'It is Solomon your son who shall build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.

⁷ I will establish his kingdom for ever if he continues resolute in keeping my commandments and my ordinances, as he is today.'

⁸ Now therefore in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God; that you may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you forever.

⁹ "And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will cast you off for ever.

¹⁰ Take heed now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it."

¹¹ Then David gave Solomon his son the plan of the vestibule of the temple, and of its houses, its treasuries, its upper rooms, and its inner chambers, and of the room for the mercy seat;

¹² and the plan of all that he had in mind for the courts of the house of the LORD, all the surrounding chambers, the treasuries of the house of God, and the treasuries for dedicated gifts;

¹³ for the divisions of the priests and of the Levites, and all the work of the service in the house of the LORD; for all the vessels for the service in the house of the LORD...

²⁰ Then David said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it. Fear not, be not dismayed; for the LORD God, even my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.

²¹ And behold the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God; and with you in all the work will be every willing man who has skill for any kind of service; also the officers and all the people will be wholly at your command."

2. What ways do you see David becoming a God-centered person and a people-centered person?

DAY 5: Becoming a God-centered and people-centered person

1. David finishes his address to the nation. Included is his prayer, and indicators of his leadership. Through this chapter ask yourself, "What is most important to David? What is on his heart? What really, really matters to him?" Underline everything that strikes you.

1 Chronicles 29:1 And David the king said to all the assembly, "Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great; for the palace will not be for man but for the LORD God.

² So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones, and marble.

³ Moreover, in addition to all that I have provided for the holy house, I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, and because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God:

⁴ three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for overlaying the walls of the house,

⁵ and for all the work to be done by craftsmen, gold for the things of gold and silver for the things of silver. Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the LORD?"

⁶ Then the heads of fathers' houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officers over the king's work.

⁷ They gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and a hundred thousand talents of iron.

⁸ And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, in the care of Jehi'el the Gershonite.

⁹ Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD; David the king also rejoiced greatly.

David's prayer:

¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed art thou, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

¹¹ Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

¹² Both riches and honor come from thee, and thou rulest over all. In thy hand are power and might; and in thy hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

¹³ And now we thank thee, our God, and praise thy glorious name.

¹⁴ "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from thee, and of thy own have we given thee.

¹⁵ For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding.

¹⁶ O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building thee a house for thy holy name comes from thy hand and is all thy own.

¹⁷ I know, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness

of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen thy people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to thee.

¹⁸ *O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep for ever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of thy people, and direct their hearts toward thee.*

¹⁹ *Grant to Solomon my son that with a whole heart he may keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, performing all, and that he may build the palace for which I have made provision."*

²⁰ *Then David said to all the assembly, "Bless the LORD your God." And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed their heads, and worshiped the LORD, and did obeisance to the king.*

David's leadership:

²¹ *And they performed sacrifices to the LORD, and on the next day offered burnt offerings to the LORD, a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel;*

²² *and they ate and drank before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and they anointed him as prince for the LORD, and Zadok as priest.*

²³ *Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father; and he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.*

²⁴ *All the leaders and the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David, pledged their allegiance to King Solomon.*

²⁵ *And the LORD gave Solomon great repute in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.*

²⁶ *Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.*

²⁷ *The time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.*

²⁸ *Then he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.*

²⁹ *Now the acts of King David, from first to last, are written in the Chronicles of Samuel the seer, and in the Chronicles of Nathan the prophet, and in the Chronicles of Gad the seer,*

³⁰ *with accounts of all his rule and his might and of the circumstances that came upon him and upon Israel, and upon all the kingdoms of the countries.*

2. In what ways do you see that David has become a God-centered person?

3. In what ways do you see that David has become a people-centered person?

4. How has God spoken to you about becoming a God-centered and people-centered person?