



**SERIES: MAY- JULY: THE MAIN THING**

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**Scripture: 2 Samuel**

**TITLE: 2 Samuel - The Faithful King**

One of the greatest compliments a person can receive is being known as a man or woman of our word. This means people can trust us, we are reliable. If we say we are going to do something we do it. This is a valuable and admirable trait because unfortunately, it's rare. As human beings, we are often prone to inconsistency and failure.

We see these ideas being played out in the book of 2 Samuel. We see the effects of human sin and pride. Despite the unfaithfulness of mankind, we see the faithfulness of God. God is a God of His word. When God makes a commitment, it will be kept. No matter what.

What you need to know: in the original writings, the books of 1 and 2 Samuel weren't separated, they were one continuous work, and that's how we should read them. 2 Samuel continues the story of 1 Samuel. This book was written around 1000 B.C. It highlights people like Nathan the prophet who speaks for the Lord, and King David, known as a man after God's own heart.

How do we see Jesus in The Book of 2 Samuel? We see Jesus in the covenant promise made to King David. From the moment Adam and Eve committed the first sins, God promised to send a savior, one of their descendants, who would defeat the sin and death. In 2 Samuel 7:12-14 (ESV) God promises David,

*“When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.”*

This is God promising that from David will come a king who will rule forever. This is the perfect King Jesus, the promised Messiah.

If David was such a great king, why couldn't he be the Messiah? Because we see in 2 Samuel that he is not without sin. As great as David was, at the height of his power he fell into sin committing adultery with another man's wife. When she becomes pregnant, David tries to cover it up by having her husband killed in battle. The great King David becomes an adulterer and a murderer. Yet, God still fulfills his covenant promise to David to establish the King of Kings through him.

So why read the book of 2 Samuel? Because it shows us the devastating effects of sin. Also, this shows us that God is faithful even when we are faithless. Even though we sinned against Him,

He still carried out His plan of salvation sending His only son to forgive us of our sins so that we could be with Him!

Be encouraged brothers and sisters, we serve a perfect God, and we serve a God of His word. Even when the sin and suffering in our world around us and within our own hearts seem overwhelming, we can trust God's promises. He has defeated sin and death and he is making all things new are true! God keeps his Covenants. So, learn from David's mistakes, even when we are faithless He is faithful.