

5. How can you grow in the grace of giving?

**SERIES:** A Kingdom Established (Gospel Project)

**SERMON 5:** "A King of Promise"

**TEXT:** 2 Samuel 7:1-13

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### **God Flips the Script on Giving**

Flip the script: reverse the usual or existing positions in a situation; do something unexpected or revolutionary.

6. Why is there no danger that giving from grace will lead to selfishness?

Churches and nonprofits might have a keen interest in \_\_\_\_\_ you give, but God isn't interested in that. He's interested in something more, something deeper.

Used carefully and judiciously, flipping the script is a powerful force for bringing about \_\_\_\_\_ in relationships.

G\_\_\_\_\_ is flipping the script.

2 Samuel 7:1-2

Kevin DeYoung: "I'm convinced most serious Christians live their lives with an almost constant low-level sense of guilt."

7. What practical or helpful insight did you get from any of the gospel applications at the end of the sermon?

2 Samuel 7:3-7

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- God wants to \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

2 Samuel 7:8-13

1. God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ your help.

2. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Your stuff is never really \_\_\_\_\_ stuff.

3. Your giving is not about you doing for God but about God doing \_\_\_\_\_ you.

4. Through grace, not guilt, more \_\_\_\_\_.

Eugene Peterson: "David did much before [this time in his life], and he did much afterward: God commands and we obey; God sends and we go. The Christian life is a gloriously active life as the Holy Spirit does the work of Christ in and through us. No, there's no danger that as we sit before the Lord our legs will atrophy and we'll never be able to get up again. But there is great danger in getting so caught up in God-plans that we forget all about God."

5. Your significance and acceptance before God will never be based on what you do for God but on what God has done \_\_\_\_\_ you.

#### Family Discussion Questions:

1. How does God respond to David's desire to build temple?
2. What do we learn about giving to God from this story?
3. What do we learn about God's grace from this story?

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#### CHRIST CONNECTION

God promised David that future kings of Israel would come from his family and that his kingdom would last forever. God kept this promise by sending Jesus as one of David's descendants. All of history is driving toward the day when Jesus, the Son of David, will be recognized as the King whose kingdom is everlasting.

#### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Read 2 Samuel 7:1-13. How do you think David felt when God said no (before God got to the yes)?

3. Why is giving for the wrong reasons so dangerous to our faith walk?

4. Which of the giving lessons from this passage do you most need to hear and why?

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#### BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who is your king?