

Day 1**1. Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17.**

- a. What might be one reason David felt the need to build a home for God?

- b. When do you most often feel a need to please God?

- c. What faulty assumptions did Nathan make when he told David to run with his idea?

- d. **Read 1 Chronicles 28:2-3.** Why do you think God would make David and Israel wait to build His temple?

- e. What are all the promises God makes to David, and how do they connect with those made to Abraham in Genesis 12 and 15, and to Mary in Luke 1:32-33?

Day 2**2. Read 2 Samuel 7:18-29.**

- a. What has God done for you in the last year for which you are deeply grateful?

- b. What word does David use to describe himself at least ten times? What are the characteristics of that type of person?

- c. What do you learn about the nation of Israel?

- d. Read Romans 11. How do we join this family of chosen people?

Day 3**3. Read 2 Samuel 8.**

- a. Why do you think God had David defeat all these armies and occupy their countries?

- b. How would dedicating our wealth to God be beneficial (see Malachi 3:10)?

- c. David built a strong staff to help him. Why is it important to allow others to help you?

Day 4**4. Read 2 Samuel 9.**

- a. Why might David be motivated to help someone from the house of Saul?

- b. What are all the ways that God's love for us is demonstrated in this story?

- c. With whom might God be calling you to lavishly love and care for as your own family?

Day 5**5. Read 2 Samuel 10.**

- a. Why do you think David chose this path with his rival?

- b. **Read Psalm 145:8-9 and Matthew 5:43-45.** Why should men show compassion to people they dislike?

- c. Who might you be willing to treat with compassion this week that has been a challenge for you?