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2 Samuel 7 (Selected Verses)

FINDING HOPE WHEN GOD SAYS NO

I. Introduction:

How Do You Respond When Things Don't Go Your Way?

David longs to build a temple for God, but God says no.

II. Unpacking The Passage

² he (David) said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a **tent.**"

⁵ "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? ⁶ I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. ⁷ Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' 2 Samuel 7:5-7

III. Why Does God Ever Say No?

A. God has a bigger _____

¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your **offspring** to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house (a temple) for my Name, 2 Samuel 7:12-13

B. God has a better _____

¹³ I will establish the throne of his kingdom **forever.** ¹⁴ I will be his father, and **he will be my son.** ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure **forever** before me^[b]; your throne will be established **forever.**" 2 Samuel 7:13;16

- Some things in life will never _____
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IV. What To Do When God Says No:

¹⁷ Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation. ¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said: 2 Samuel 7:17;18

A. Think Of _____

“Who am I, Sovereign LORD, (Sovereign means God is in control) and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? 2 Samuel 7:18

B. Thank _____

²⁵ “And now, LORD God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning **your servant and his house**. Do as you promised, ²⁶ so that your name will be great **forever**.

C. Trust God With Your _____

²⁸ Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and **you have promised these good things** to your servant. ²⁹ Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and **with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.**” 2 Samuel 7:28-29

V. God’s Promise To David Is A Major Biblical Theme:

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. **He will reign on David’s throne** and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and **forever**. Isaiah 9:6-7