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Thanksgiving amidst disappointment – 2 Samuel 7:1-24

vv1-11a

1. What motivated David to propose the building of a house for God?
2. What do you think about David's priorities property-wise?
3. He chatted over the proposal with Nathan the prophet. What do you think of Nathan's immediate response? What should he have done? What can we learn from his actions?
4. Do you think that David had ulterior motives regarding his proposal? Did he expect to have further blessings if he built God a temple? Do we 'give without counting the cost' and cheerfully?

vv11b-17

5. God promised David that he would make him a house? How do you think he felt? Would he have understood? Can you give examples of God speaking to you and feeling that he might have got it all wrong? Do you feel that God disappoints you at times?
6. Can you find examples in the Old Testament that prophesy the character and nature of the temple of whom God speaks – vv12-13?
7. What can we learn about the significance of David's throne from Zechariah 6:12,13; Acts 2:30-36?

The theologian, Don Carson, in his book "Scandalous: The Cross and Resurrection of Jesus" writes this:

Under the terms of the old covenant, the temple was the great meeting-place between a holy God and his sinful people. This was the place of sacrifice, the place of atonement for sin. But this side of the cross, where Jesus by his sacrifice pays for our sin, Jesus himself becomes the great meeting-place between a holy God and his sinful people; thus he becomes the temple, the meeting-place between God and his people.

vv18-24

8. What is David's reaction to God's reply? How does David start? How does he speak of himself? How does he speak of God? How many times does David refer to himself as servant? What does he say about God?
9. Are you able to use these words as a pattern for your own worship and thanksgiving?