

## Trusting in God's Plan

**Read:** 2 Samuel 7

**Main Idea:** God's perfect plans might challenge our expectations, but placing our complete trust in Him will always lead to His best outcomes in our lives.

**Key Verses:** Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, 'Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord God... **(2 Samuel 7:18-19)**

### Key Principles:

- God's covenant with David reveals an eternal kingdom, reminding us that our temporary possessions and plans must align with His everlasting purposes.
- The Lord's response to David's desire to build a temple shows that divine initiatives often surpass human intentions, integrating our efforts into His redemptive story.
- David's prayer of humility teaches that gratitude flows from recognizing God's unmerited faithfulness, prompting sacrificial responses in our lives.
- Acknowledging God's sovereignty in blessings leads to obedience, as we steward resources not as our own but as tools for advancing His kingdom.
- The Davidic covenant points forward to Christ, encouraging us to obey God's instructions for our ultimate benefit in eternal life.
- Trusting God's plan, even when it redirects our expectations, empowers believers to participate in His mission, including through generous giving that builds His church.

### Discussion:

1. How does this story connect to our church's Forward initiative for a new building? Share how you've seen God use the unexpected to advance His plan in your life.
2. In what ways have personal ambitions or expectations been challenged by God's greater vision. How can this story help you embrace that in our capital campaign?
3. What challenges might arise when aligning your possessions with God's kingdom, especially in this new season at CRBC? How does the Holy Spirit equip us for this?
4. How does David's prayer model responding with gratitude to God's blessings? Discuss steps you can take to foster sacrificial giving toward our church's mission.
5. Why is obedience to God's instructions on stewardship essential for building His kingdom, and how does it emphasize Christ's eternal reign over human efforts?
6. How does the covenant's promise affirm God's commitment to bless His people? Share how this truth motivates you to make a commitment in the Forward series.

### Prayer:

- Pray for openness to God's plan to redirect our expectations and build His kingdom.
- Pray for
  - Courage to give sacrificially, reflecting God's faithfulness in the Forward initiative.
  - The Spirit's conviction and empowerment to engage with our mission.
  - We would make a commitment to make a commitment towards God's plan.

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- I. Remember your possessions are for God's Kingdom. 7:1-17**
  - 1. God's Kingdom is eternal. 7:1-3
  - 2. God's purpose is beyond our expectations. 7:4-17
  
- II. React with gratitude for God's blessing. 7:18-25**
  - 1. Respond to God's faithfulness. 7:18-21
  - 2. Sacrifice for God's worthiness. 7:22-25
  
- III. Respond with obedience to God's instruction. 7:26-29**
  - 1. Obey because it's God's money. 7:26-27
  - 2. Obey because it's for your benefit. 7:28-29

NEXT WEEK:  
**Surrendering to Generous Grace**  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15