Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-29
Sermon Title: David & The Promises of God: Heavy is The Head

*Some **Musings**:*
After the king was settled in his palace and **the Lord had given him rest** from all his enemies around him, [2] he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."
v1-2

In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants **[rest]** to those he loves.
Psalm 127:2

Rest is a gift, not a wage.

Rest provides the opportunity for thoughtful reflection about God & dreams for God—fight for it.

Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you."
v3

Be careful with speaking for God without speaking to God.

But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying: [5] "Go and tell my servant David,
v4-5

Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says:
2 Samuel 11:7

The right words from the right people come in different expressions but always come at the right time & from the right place.

The Promises of God:
"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?"' [8] "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. [9] I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. [10] And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning [11] and have

done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. “‘The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you:
v5-11

The promises of God are His commitments & blessings rooted in His power & goodness.

“‘The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: [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 for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. [14] I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. [15] But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. [16] **Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.’”**
v11-16

The promises of God produce hope.

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.
2 Corinthians 1:20

The promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus.

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: “**Who am I, Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?** [19] And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign Lord, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign Lord, is for a mere human! [20] “What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign Lord. [21] For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant. [22] “How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. [23] And who is like your people Israel—the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself, and to make a name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt? [24] You have established your people Israel as your very own forever, and you, Lord, have become their God.
v17-24

The promises of God produce gratitude.

“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. Then people will say, ‘The Lord Almighty is God over Israel!’ And the house of your servant David will be established in your sight. [27] “Lord Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ **So your servant has found courage to pray this**

prayer to you. [28] Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant.
v25-28

The promises of God produce courage.

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."
v29

The promises of God should produce more desire for & from God.

Contentment & settling are not the same.

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."
v29

I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. [15] But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.
v14-15

The promises of God are to be stewarded well.

David summoned all the officials of Israel to assemble at Jerusalem: the officers over the tribes, the commanders of the divisions in the service of the king, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of all the property and livestock belonging to the king and his sons, together with the palace officials, the warriors and all the brave fighting men. [2] King David rose to his feet and said: "Listen to me, my fellow Israelites, my people. I had it in my heart to build a house as a place of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, for the footstool of our God, and I made plans to build it.[3] But God said to me, 'You are not to build a house for my Name, because you are a warrior and have shed blood.'[4] "Yet the Lord, the God of Israel, chose me from my whole family to be king over Israel forever. He chose Judah as leader, and from the tribe of Judah he chose my family, and from my father's sons he was pleased to make me king over all Israel. [5] Of all my sons—and the Lord has given me many—he has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. [6] He said to me: 'Solomon your son is the one who will build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. [7] I will establish his kingdom forever if he is unswerving in carrying out my commands and laws, as is being done at this time.' [8] "**So now**…
1 Chronicles 28:1-8

Closing Considerations:

Delight in the goodness of God—who He is, what He has done, & what He is doing.

Identify a promise God has kept or blessing you have received in the last 30 days.
Identify a promise or blessing you believing God for over the next 30 days.
Identify a promise or blessing you need to steward well in this season—what does that look like over the next 30 days.