

- I. **Intro: 1 Samuel 16** David's teenage years. (Backdrop: **You wanted a man after your own hearts, in my mercy I will give you a man after My heart**)
 - A. The Lord sought for Himself a man after His own heart and found young David. In the days before the Prophet Samuel came to Bethlehem to anoint David prophetically to be the future next King of Israel, David was learning as a teenager to respond to rejection. He would go on over more than the next decade to cultivate faithfulness in mundane tasks, to respond to favor and promotion, to respond to demotion, to respond to persecution, to respond to fear and to his own failures, his own complacency, to respond to the delay in only receiving the partial fulfillment of God's calling on His life etc.
 - B. But one of the most fundamental things that would carry David's heart through the seasons of life, He actually learned as a teenager: to be faithful in "hiddenness", to meet with God in "smallness" –
 - 1. **1 Samuel 16:8-19**: *Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him." Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep."*
- II. **Psalm 132:1-5**: *LORD, remember David and all his afflictions; How he swore to the LORD, And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: "Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, Or go up to the comfort of my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, Until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."*
 - A. A vow to wage war on personal comfort and apathy until the tangible presence of God has a place to rest with permanence among his people.
 - B. The vow David makes before the Lord is, "God I won't rest until You have a place to rest among your people.
 - C. **Psalm 132:6**: *Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah (Bethlehem); we found it in the fields of the woods* (Parenthesis added).

1. Something was stirring in the heart of David as a teenager in the fields of Bethlehem playing his harp before the Lord that would shape history.

III. God's Covenant with David (**2 Samuel 7**)

- A. David now in His 30's and reigning as King in Israel, is moved in His heart to tell the Prophet Nathan that he wants to build a house in which to put the ark of the covenant and the singers, musicians, and intercessors who ministered to the Lord. All this previously happened in a tent but David's desire to "**find a dwelling place for the Lord**" only kept growing. He wanted to build a house for the Lord.
- B. God's response to David.
 - * **2 Samuel 7:5** The Lord tells David "**would you really do that for Me**" (paraphrase)
 - * **2 Samuel 7:7** "**I've never asked anyone to do that for Me** (paraphrase)
 - * **2 Samuel 7:11-17** "**David, because you want to build My house, I'm going to build your house, My Son will become your Son.** Christ will forever be known as the Son of David, He will rule the earth forever on the throne of David, in the City of David, and rebuild the Tabernacle of David. (**See also 1 Chron. 17, Isa. 16:5, Amos 9:11, Acts 2:29-30,15:16**) God Himself would take on flesh in David's lineage. This is incredible! I think it is the most profound place in all of Scripture where we see God respond so extravagantly to a man's devotion.

IV. David's Revelation: Worship on Earth as it is in Heaven

- A. The Tabernacle of David was staffed by 288 singers, 4,000 musicians, and 4,000 gatekeepers who ministered to the Lord in worship and prayer day and night (**1 Chron. 9:33; 23:5,13; 25:1,7**) and the details of the temple were given to David "**by the Spirit**" (**1 Chron. 28:12**)
- B. This reflects the unceasing worship that fills the throne room of heaven (**Rev. 4:8, 5:8-9, 7:15**) and Jesus taught us to pray "**on earth as it is in Heaven**" (**Matt 6:9-10**)
- C. The Lord's House is eternally a House of Prayer (**Isa 56:6-7, Matt 21:13**)

D. The Lord takes seriously the vows you make to Him as a teenager, and He will respond extravagantly to the vow of building the “House of Prayer” (an environment where the people of God are before His face regularly) in your generation, in your family, in your church, in your city.