CHASING AFTER GOD'S HEART



### Decisions

## Your decisions determine your direction and your direction determines your destination

### Decisions with known consequences

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Inconsequential decisions

Decisions that are seemingly inconsequential, but...

Now the Philistines fought against Israel; the Israelites fled before them, and many fell slain on Mount Gilboa.

The Philistines pressed hard after Saul and his sons, and they killed his sons Jonathan, Abinadab and Malki-Shua.

So Saul and his three sons and his armor-bearer and all his men died together that same day.

Then David and all the men with him took hold of their clothes and tore them. They mourned and wept and fasted till evening for Saul and his son Jonathan, and for the army of the LORD and the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

#### 2 Samuel 1:11-12 NIV

In the course of time, David inquired of the LORD. "Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?" The LORD said, "Go up." David asked, "Where shall I go?" "To Hebron," the LORD answered.

#### 2 Samuel 2:1 NIV

So David went up there with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. David also took the men who were with him, each with his family, and they settled in Hebron.

#### 2 Samuel 2:2-3 NIV

Then the men of Judah came to Hebron and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

Meanwhile, Abner son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, had taken Ish-Bosheth son of Saul and brought him to Mahanaim. He made him king over all Israel.

#### 2 Samuel 2:8-9 NIV

When Ish-Bosheth son of Saul heard that Abner had died in Hebron, he lost courage, and all Israel became alarmed.

#### 2 Samuel 4:1 NIV

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns."

#### 2 Samuel 5:1-2 NIV

"And the LORD said to you, you will shepherd My people Israel, and you will become their ruler."

When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a compact with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

#### 2 Samuel 5:1 NIV

The long, dull, monotonous years of middle-aged prosperity or middle-aged adversity are excellent campaigning weather for the devil.

C.S. Lewis

So David went up there with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel.

Sons were born to David in Hebron: His firstborn was Amnon the son of Ahinoam of Jezreel; his second, Kileab the son of Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel;

The third, Absalom the son of Maacah daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;

And the sixth, Ithream the son of David's wife Eglah. These were born to David in Hebron.

After he left Hebron, David took more concubines and wives in Jerusalem, and more sons and daughters were born to him.

These are the names of the children born to him there: Shamua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishama, Eliada and Eliphelet.

#### 2 Samuel 5:13 NIV

Your present will become your past that will be present in your future.

Andy Stanley

The fact that God works in and through our messiness is not to induce us to tolerate the chaos that we create in our own lives, but to recognize the grace of God in the midst of the chaos.

Begg

## God's promises aren't dependent on our performance

He chose His servant David, and took him from the sheep pens; from tending the sheep He brought him to be the shepherd of His people Jacob, of Israel His inheritance. And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

Psalm 78:70-72 NIV

### No one is broken beyond the Lord's ability to be built back

# In Christ, your decisions no longer define you; grace does