



## PART 1: SITTING ATOP OF THE CHARTS

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel,

- The Apostle Paul, *2 Timothy 2:8* (TNIV)

David is a bold (and dangerous) model of faith.

- *First and Second Samuel*, Walter Brueggemann

Women adore him. Men trust and admire him. Very few people are able to say *No* to him, and the ones who do, die like flies.

- *Inscribing the Text*, Walter Brueggemann and Anna Carter Florence

After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

- *2 Samuel 7:1-3* (TNIV)

Things are finally coming together for David. After the years of danger and struggle and waiting, fulfillment: "settled in his house" and "rest from all his enemies" (v.1). But David is not ready for retirement – he is at the height of his ability and energy, and the momentum is up. He looks for the next thing to be done.

- *First and Second Samuel*, Eugene H. Peterson

The pace and mood of the narrative change abruptly at this point. From the moment David is anointed King in Hebron (2:1-4), the story plunges from one dramatic episode to the next in breathless succession, a narrative equivalent of whitewater rafting. And then, suddenly, nothing. Still waters. The Action stops.

- *First and Second Samuel*, Eugene H. Peterson

Like David, we may wish to do something for God, to contribute to his causes, to build something for him. But if that is not in God's timing or will, also like David, we must learn to acquiesce and be grateful.

- *1 & 2 Samuel, The NIV Application Commentary*, Bill T. Arnold

Christians are characteristically afraid of being caught doing too little for God. But there are moments, far more frequent than we suppose, when doing nothing is precisely the gospel thing to do.

- *First and Second Samuel*, Eugene H. Peterson

Like David, all believers are implicitly encouraged to be humbled, pensive, and emboldened by the perception of God's incredible goodness expressed within their lives.

- *The New American Commentary (I, II Samuel)*, Robert D. Bergen,

The historian of the books of Samuel has offered David as an example for future kings through the narrative thus far. As such he functions as a model for all of us who worship the Son of David today.

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Haven't you read what David did...?

- Jesus, *Matthew 12*