

# The Kingdom United: David Crowned King Over All Israel (2 Sam 5-6)

Notes: Week Three

# David Conquers Jerusalem - 2 Samuel 5:6-25

Topics: Abandon, Accomplishments, Achievements, Answers, Assurance, Blessing, Blindness, Challenge, Children, Confidence, Craftsmanship, Decisions, Effectiveness, Evidence, Foolishness, Gifts, Guidance, Government, Insults, Leadership, Opposition, Popularity, Power, Priorities, Security, Sovereignty, Status, Strength, Success, Victory, Weaknesses, Wives

## **Open It**

- 1. Do you consider yourself mainly a "leader" or a "follower"? Why?
- 2. \*What burdens and rewards go along with leadership?

### **Explore It**

- 3. What city did David set out to conquer once he had been anointed king of Israel and Judah? (5:6)
- 4. What taunt did the Jebusites throw at David's army? (5:6)
- 5. What was the outcome of David's siege of Jerusalem? (5:7)
- 6. How did David turn the taunt of the Jebusites against them? (5:8)
- 7. What did David do in Jerusalem after he conquered it? (5:9)
- 8. \*Why did David continue to prosper and grow more powerful? (5:10)
- 9. \*What honor did David receive from a foreign king? (5:11)
- 10. \*How did David interpret the honors he was receiving? (5:12)
- 11. What children were born to David after he had settled in Jerusalem? (5:14-16)
- 12. How did the Philistines respond to David's expanded kingship? (5:17)
- 13. What did David seek before he engaged the Philistines in battle? (5:18-19)
- 14. What was the significance of the name given to the place where David defeated the Philistines? (5:20)
- 15. How did David behave when the Philistines gathered against him for a second time? (5:22-23)

- 16. What was different about the Lord's response to David's second inquiry? (5:23-24)
- 17. What was the outcome of the second battle? (5:25)

#### **Get It**

- 18. Why did David need to establish a new capital city after becoming king of both Judah and Israel?
- 19. \*In what different ways could David have responded to an honor such as gifts sent from a foreign king?
- 20. What was David's first instinct when he heard about the Philistines amassing against him?
- 21. How did the naming of the place of David's first victory against the Philistines give glory to God rather than to himself?
- 22. Why was it a good thing that David did not assume that the second battle would go exactly like the first?
- 23. \*What are the potential pitfalls of success in the life of the believer?
- 24. What lessons should we draw from our successes and the congratulations of others?
- 25. When is God more concerned with our attitudes than our outcomes?

### **Apply It**

- 26. \*What could serve as a concrete reminder that your successes are an indication of God's grace?
- 27. How can you develop the habit of asking for God's help instead of taking it for granted?

## The Ark Brought to Jerusalem - 2 Samuel 6:1-23

Topics: Accountability, Accusation, Anger, Awe, Blessing, Celebration, Consequences, Criticism, Death, Delay, Dignity, Disagreements, Discouragement, Ego, Embarrassment, Enthusiasm, Fear, Heart, Husbands, Pride, Relationships, Responsibility, Wives

### Open It

- 1. \*What was the most elaborate public celebration you've ever attended?
- 2. What Christian worship practices or styles of worship embarrass you or make you uncomfortable?

#### **Explore It**

- 3. What was the mission on which David and his men went to Baalah of Judah? (6:2)
- 4. How was the ark being transported from the house of Abinadab? (6:3-5)
- 5. What prompted Uzzah to reach out and hold onto the ark? (6:6)
- 6. How did God judge Uzzah's action of reaching out for the ark? (6:7)
- 7. What was David's emotional reaction to the death of Uzzah? (6:8)
- 8. After the death of the priest, what change of plans did David make out of fear? (6:9-10)
- 9. What persuaded David to go back for the ark after three months? (6:12)
- 10. How was the public procession handled differently the second time? (6:13)
- 11. \*What was the mood of David and the people as they transported the ark? (6:14-15)
- 12. \*How did Michal react when she saw David dancing before the Lord? (6:16)
- 13. How did David culminate the celebration when the ark reached Jerusalem? (6:17-19)
- 14. What was Michal's response to David when he returned home after the celebration? (6:20)
- 15. \*What was David's attitude about the way in which he had worshiped God? (6:21-22)
- 16. What became of Michal after this incident in which she "despised" David? (6:23)

#### **Get It**

- 17. Why was Uzzah's action irreverent even though he was trying to protect the ark?
- 18. If you had been present on the day of Uzzah's death, how would you have felt about having the ark brought to your home?
- 19. What was God's response to David's anger and fear?
- 20. \*Why was Michal so upset by David's behavior in the procession?
- 21. In what ways can we become subtly irreverent in our behavior before God?
- 22. \*How can we combine proper reverence before God with unparalleled joy and celebration?

## **Apply It**

- 23. \*How can you express your wholehearted joy before the Lord this week?
- 24. What is an appropriate response for someone who finds your worship practices "undignified"?