

Strong Tower Bible Study

Agenda

Lesson #1

Time 6:00pm -7:30pm

Topic: Setting Goals for Fruitful Living

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Scripture text: 2 Samuel 7:18-29

David's Prayer

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! ^[c]

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.

²⁵ “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. ²⁹ 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.”

Things to know:

- David was the youngest son of his eight brothers.
- David was a warrior, musician, saint, sinner, prophet, and poet.
- David loved God and sought to follow Him with his whole heart.
- 73 Psalms bear his name with Psalms 2 and 95 being accredited to David as well, bringing the total to 75.
- Setting goals are important and necessary (so is the order of the goals)
- Children of God are called to center their goals around their relationship with God. - Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Discussion Questions:

1. What do verses 18-19 tell us about David?
2. How important was David's relationship with God? How do we know?
3. How does David reflect in verse 20-21?
4. In what way is David worshiping God vs 22-24
5. We can "remind" God of His promises, in doing so we become reminded of His faithfulness Vs 25-26
6. What did David stand on? Vs 28.
7. Did David care about being pleased? Vs 29

Faith in Action:

- Reach out to a person who is not well (send a card, flowers, visit)
- Call a family member to pray with them
- Pause, Pray, Respond.
- Ask for help this week to allow yourself to rest (Remember business is a tool of the enemy)

Challenge of the week: As you plan your goals for the New Year evaluate where your relationship with God is. Reprioritize your goals to center around your relationship with God. (Take it one day at a time)

Scripture Application:

Proverbs 16:3- How can we do this daily?

Matthew 6:33-What does this mean in daily living? Should we not want worldly possessions?

Psalms 37:4-5-When we do A we will receive B (Share this with someone)

Psalms 127:1-What does this mean for goal setting, life, plans or the future?

Closing Prayer: