

## David's Success (1 Samuel 18–2 Samuel 10)

- I. God gives David king a great and lasting kingdom
  - A. Rapid promotion, constant deliverance from Saul (1 Samuel 18–26)
    - 1. 1 Samuel 18:1–5
    - 2. 1 Samuel 23:24b–29
    - 3. Don't credit yourself with your success
  - B. Rivals removed (1 Samuel 31–2 Samuel 5)
  - C. Reign established (2 Samuel 6–10)
- II. Even though
  - A. David's an ordinary person
    - 1. 'Who am I, and who are my relatives, my father's clan in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?' (1 Samuel 18:18)
    - 2. 'Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?' (2 Samuel 7:18)
    - 3. Don't forget your beginnings
  - B. David has opponents
    - 1. Military: Saul (1 Samuel 31); Abner (2 Samuel 3); Ishbosheth (2 Samuel 2–4); Hadadezer (2 Samuel 8)
    - 2. Schemers: Amalekite (2 Samuel 1); Joab (2 Samuel 3); Baanah and Rechab (2 Samuel 4)
    - 3. Mockers: Nabal (1 Samuel 25); Michal (2 Samuel 6); Hanun (2 Samuel 10)
    - 4. Don't fear opponents
  - C. David won't attack the Lord's anointed one
    - 1. 1 Samuel 24:1–22 and 26:1–12 surround 25:1–44
    - 2. Don't try and bring about God's kingdom your way
  - D. David wobbles
    - 1. 1 Samuel 27:1–2 and 29:6–10
    - 2. Don't try to stay safe by compromise
- III. Lessons about Christ