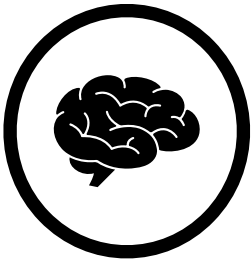


# SERMON NOTES

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18th June 2023 | God and covenant | 2 Samuel 7:1-17

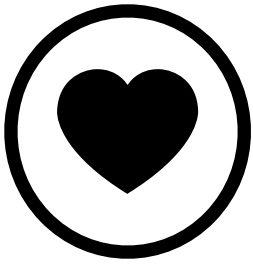
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## Exploring the text

Questions for reflection:

1. What do you think was the motivation behind David's comment in verse 2?
2. Do you think Nathan made a mistake by answering David without seeking God first?
3. The Lord's reply to David is broken into 3 sections, vs.5-7, 8-11 and 12-16. Summarise what the Lord says to David in each section.
4. How do you think David might have felt that God was saying 'wait / no' to his grand plan to build a house for God? What was David's response to God (vs.18-29)?
5. Were there any conditions laid out in this promise God was making to David?
6. Why is this promise that God makes to David so important in the wider story of the Bible?



## Connecting our hearts

Questions for reflection:

1. Stu pointed out that God was not that impressed with David's plan and quoted the following, '*there are times when our grand human plans to do something for God are seen, after a night of prayer, to be a huge distraction from what God is doing for us. That's what Nathan realised that night: God showed Nathan that David's building plans for God would interfere with God's building plans for David*'. Would you agree with this quote?
2. How would you describe the concept of covenant? Are there examples of a covenant relationship that you are in?
3. Stu mentioned five major covenants in the Bible - those made with Noah, Abraham, Moses, David and the New Covenant. How are these the same or different? What is the significance of each in the unfolding story of Scripture?
4. Stu said that Jesus fulfils each of the above named covenants. Would you agree and in what way?
5. What do the covenants in Scripture teach us about the character of God?



## Living it out

Questions for reflection:

1. Spend time thanking the Lord for His faithfulness and steadfast love.
2. Stu suggested that the covenants of Scripture reveal the faithfulness of God and our response should be to trust the Lord in all things. How can you express your trust in God today?
3. Check out this video on covenants from the Bible Project ([video link](#)). What new insights does this video teach you?

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Use the below space to write you own prayer of response