

# Apply The Word

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## Message Info

### Title:

Our Story is for His Glory

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2 Samuel 20-24

**Theme:** Like King David, we must learn that our story is for His glory.

**Introduction:** One of the striking characteristics of 1&2 Samuel is that they are in story form. It's one of the primary reasons that these books are enjoyable to read. 1&2 Samuel focus on King David and we read of his whole-heartedness, his character, his weakness and his sin, his courage and fierceness, his love of poetry and music, his repentance, and his ultimate orientation to the Lord. If there is one primary element to David's life and character as shown to us through these stories it is this: that he was aware that his story was about God's glory. This element is true of our lives as well.

The final chapters of 2Samuel capture several aspects of David's God-centered story:

#### 1. Bookends of wrath and deliverance (chapters 20-21, 24)

These chapters give us several pictures of God's wrath for David's (and Israel's) sins, such as: David's calling for a census against God's command, and the Gibeonites vengeful execution of Saul's grandchildren. Intermingled in these sections are also the telling of God's deliverance. We learn from these moments that we are all, like David, measured up against God's holiness and require God's great deliverance, which he has been pleased to provide us in Christ.

#### 2. David's heroes (chapter 21, 23)

These chapters contain the stories of many of David's mighty men, showing us how glorious the kingdom was at that time, with so many heroes! David's glory as king was shared among these many others who served God's purposes in defending God's people in heroic manner. This section ends with the naming of Uriah, whom David murdered as a stark reminder that the king and his kingdom were not the unshakeable kind that Christ alone has inaugurated.

#### 3. David's praise (chapter 22)

This chapter contains a beautiful psalm of David's praise, summing up his experience of the mercy and deliverance of God which alone made for any success or stability during his reign as king.

#### Questions:

1. What did God's discipline accomplish in the life of David? Why do we need to be disciplined? Where are you likely experiencing the Lord's discipline in your life? How should you be responding to his discipline?
2. How might you become more engaged in God's kingdom and purposes as David's mighty men came to exemplify? How might you make your story more for his glory?
3. Read David's final words (2Sam. 23:2-4). How does the rule of Christ perfectly fulfill David's pronouncement? How do we experience the blessing of Jesus's rule in this life? Why is our only hope to align ourselves fully under Jesus's purposes for us?