

The Story

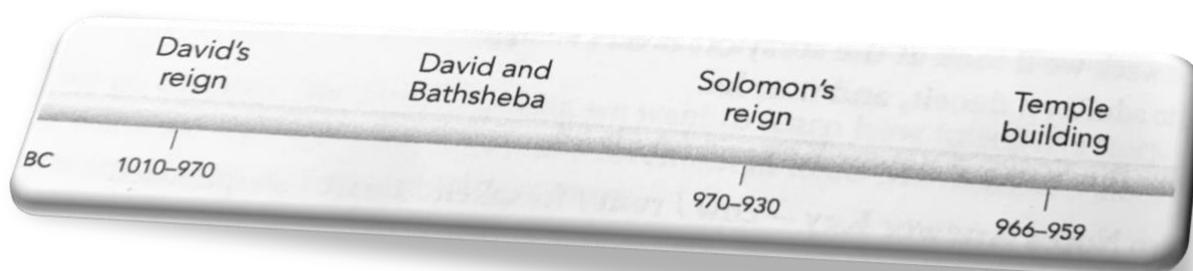
Session 13: "From Shepherd to King"

Buhler Mennonite Church Sanctuary (and BMC YouTube live-stream) – March 24, 2021

*"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit in me.
Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."*

1 SAMUEL 16:7 (NIV)

1. Opening & Praying



2. Introduction: WATCH THE SCRIPTURE VIDEO

"Sin costs us and other people ... more than we ever dream"

- **Reflect on it/Talk About It:** *Tell about a time in your childhood when you made a sinful choice and it led to a series to other sins.*

3. **Review:** As we go through *The Story* together, we want to learn how to tell the story. Commit Movement 2 to memory.

MOVEMENT 2: *"God builds a brand-new nation called Israel. Through this nation, God will reveal his presence, power, and plan to get us back. Every story of Israel will point to the first coming of Jesus --the One who will provide the way back to God."*

Picture	Portion of The Story	Portion of the Bible
	The Story of the Garden	Genesis 1–11
	The Story of Israel	Genesis 12–Malachi
	The Story of Jesus	Matthew–John (Gospels)
	The Story of the Church	Acts–Jude
	The Story of a New Garden	Revelation

4. Know the Story: Pop Quiz

- After Nathan confronted King David, what was David's confession?
 - a. I have sinned against Bathsheba.
 - b. I have sinned against my other wives.
 - c. I have sinned against the LORD.
 - d. I have sinned against Uriah.
- What was the result of Nathan confronting King David over his sin of raping Bathsheba?
 - a. David pleaded for the life of the child.
 - b. David put on sackcloth and spent the nights lying on the ground.
 - c. The child died.
 - d. All of the above.
- What ultimately happened to David's son Absalom?
 - a. He became David's replacement as the next king over Israel.
 - b. David's soldiers killed him when his hair was tangled in a tree.
 - c. He died in battle with the Philistines.
 - d. He was passed over as king and became bitter toward his brother.
- What did David do to build the temple for the LORD?
 - a. David provided all the supplies necessary but did not build it.
 - b. David hired skilled craftsmen from all over the region to help build it.
 - c. David used slaves from the conquered countries to build it.
 - d. David made the Israelites give a tithe of their time to build it.

5. Understand the Story: Video with Randy Frazee

Video Guide: As you watch the video use the following outline to record anything that stands out to you.

- **King David's successful reign**

There is something inside us that compels us to do _____ .

- **King David's pivotal life shift:**

Uriah's _____ exposes the contrast with David's integrity.

- **King David's cover-up exposed:**

Nathan _____ the right to be heard.

Sometimes when we do wrong, we set _____ consequences into motion.

- **King David's response and restoration:**

God includes the _____ likely candidates in God's UPPER STORY

6. Video Discussion/Journaling: Write down your answers.

- David's sins did not just affect him, but others around him. Note the effects on the following people:

- * Bathsheba
- * Uriah
- * The prophet Nathan
- * The military commander Joab
- * Other soldiers under Joab's command
- * The baby conceived from David's rape
- * Other people in King David's life

- God forgave David, but there were still consequences to his sinful actions. *What were some of the consequences David faced immediately and over the long term of his sinful choices?*

Why is it important that we walk in God's grace, but still realize we might face very real consequences of our sins?

Just because we admit that we have done the wrong thing and even make it right doesn't mean the

- If you could ask King David towards the end of his life, "*What advice and insight would you give me about temptation and sin?*" what might King David say to you if you are presently dabbling in sin?

7. Personal Reflection:

Ask yourself: *How do I respond when people confront or correct me? Am I like Saul, covering my tracks? Or, am I like David, listening, receiving, and repenting? How do I seek forgiveness in my relationship with God and in my personal relationships?*

8. Personal Action:

This is a big and bold action challenge! If you have a person or two in your life who are mature in faith and really care about you, consider meeting with them and humbly inviting them to speak truth into your life ...

any time. Let them know that you will seek to prayerfully listen and receive their words, even when those words are difficult.

*"There were grave consequences for King David's actions,
but because he did the right thing, his relationships were restored--
most importantly, his relationship with God"*

9. Double Check Your Pop Quiz [c/d/b/a]

Video Notes Answer Key: wrong / integrity / earned / unstoppable / least

10. Next Week: Session 14: "The King Who Had It All (Proverbs 16:18)". It is also Holy Week next week.