

Do you get as excited about the fact that there is a God who is willing to sometimes say “No”?

The word “NO” can be a _____ word.

“What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Sovereign LORD.”
2 Samuel 7:20

God KNOWS ME better than anyone.

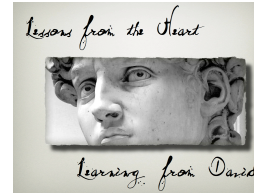
²² “How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you... ²⁸ O Sovereign LORD, **you are God!**”
2 Samuel 7:22, 28a

“You are God and I’m NOT.”

“You, O Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.” 2 Samuel 7:29

David’s saying (and I love the wisdom in this):
“I will be content with how God chooses to bless me.”

Part 12:



When God Says “No”

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.
Philippians 1:6

Finally David can rest from all his struggles.

When King David was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all the surrounding enemies,
2 Samuel 7:1

David senses a grave inequity between himself and God, who has established his reign.

David said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a palace of cedar while the ark of God remains in a tent.” ³ Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.”
2 Samuel 7:2,3

Nathan, David’s spiritual advisor, hears from God.

That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: ⁵ “Go and tell my servant David, this is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?”
Verses 4 & 5

What does it mean to want to do big things for God, and still get a “NO “from God? The two initial reasons for the “NO”

1. God didn’t ask for a home

I have never lived in a house, from the day I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until this very day. I have always moved from one place to another with a tent and a Tabernacle as my dwelling. **7** Yet no matter where I have gone with the Israelites, I have never once complained to Israel’s tribal leaders, the shepherds of my people Israel. I have never asked them, “Why haven’t you built me a beautiful cedar house?”
2 Samuel 7:6,7

2. David had shed too much blood as a warrior

but God said to me, 'You must not build a temple to honor my name, for you are a warrior and have shed much blood.' 1 Chronicles 28:3

The ironic twist of God's response.

Now then, tell my servant David, "This is what the LORD Almighty says: ⁹ I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth... ¹¹ The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you." 2 Samuel 7:8, 9, 11

He says, "David you wanted to build a house for **me** but I'm going to build a house for **you!**"

God isn't interested in what David _____

He is interested in what _____

But there's even more.

"When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you... ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." 2 Samuel 7:12,13

"Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever," God says. 2 Samuel 7:16

What's our response when God take us on a journey and slows or stops even our noble plans?

Then king David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said: "Who am I, O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? ²³ ...and who is like your people Israel... Whom you redeemed from Egypt?" 2 Samuel 7:18, 23

"Who am I . . . You have looked upon me as though I were the most exalted of men, O LORD God!" 1 Chronicles 17:17

Rather than complain David focuses on his _____

David focuses "on this" in his response to God, when he says,

"And as if this were not enough in your sight, O Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the **future** of the house of your servant..." 2 Samuel 7:19

"...Your words are trustworthy, and you have **promised** these **good things** to your servant." 2 Samuel 7:28b