

Cornerstone Message Notes
*“One of Many Humanly Stained Pieces
of Redemption’s Scarlet Thread”* (2 Samuel 7)
“The Greatest Stories of the Bible” series - part 10
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THEME / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

The “scarlet thread of redemption” is filled with people who weren’t always perfect.

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APPLICATION / (What to Do with What You Hear)

Because no one in God’s story except God is perfect, we would do well to note & learn from the mistakes He’s recorded in His word concerning them.

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FOCUS / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

In the opening of Keith Green’s song “He’ll Take Care of the Rest,” he writes, *“You know it ain’t no use in banging your head up against that cold stone wall, ‘cause nobody’s perfect, except for the Lord, and even the best (are) bound to fall; remember He is divine and you are da branch, He’d love to get you through it (you just gotta) give Him a chance.”* We need to remember that because it’s true - especially the “nobody’s perfect except for the Lord” part!

This morning we will take a look at another of the greatest stories in the Bible & we’ll see that while David & Nathan were often used in powerful ways, sometimes they went their own way which quickly moved them out from God’s way. Still, in spite of themselves, David especially is a big part of redemption’s scarlet thread.

Certainly the goal for us today would be to learn from what they did wrong so we can do better at knowing & doing what’s right as we carry on the story’s thread.

David & Nathan’s Presumption Reminds Us ...

1. there’s a DIFFERENCE between FAITH & PRESUMPTION.

Unfortunately their difference doesn’t always show up immediately.
Great ideas & good intentions do not necessarily mean they’re God’s will.
2 Samuel 7:1-3 / Proverbs 3:5-6

2. to be AS SURE as WE CAN BE that GOD’S LEADING us.

Our good ideas even with the best of intentions may not be what God intends.
2 Samuel 7:4-17

3. NOTHING & NO ONE can STOP the STORY so
you can STOP PRETENDING it all DEPENDS on YOU.

This should encourage & bring us confidence in Him & His grace.
2 Samuel 7:18-29

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Making It Real Questions

- 1] Can you see the difference? Have you ever mixed / messed them up?
- 2] What do you need to do for this to be more of your story that it has been?
- 3] Will you rest in knowing only God’s leading takes us to where it is we need to be?

Action Step

Ask God to show you any presumptions you may have concerning Him & His will for you.