



SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM

SERIES

Part 37

The One Who Goes Before Us

2 SAMUEL 5:11-25

NOTES

1 Deuteronomy 17 — The king under the true King



- Israel's king was to live under the authority of God's Word.
- David was not perfect; cracks were already showing.
- At his best, David lived in dependence on the LORD.

2 2 Samuel 5:17-21 — The LORD breaks out



- The Philistines came against David in full force.
- David inquired of the LORD before acting.
- At Baal Perazim, the LORD broke out against his enemies.

3 2 Samuel 5:22-25 — The LORD goes before David



- David did not assume yesterday's answer.
- He inquired again and waited for the LORD's signal.
- David did as the LORD commanded him.

2 Samuel 5:10

*"...the LORD God Almighty
was with him."*

2 Samuel 5:24

*"...the LORD has gone out
in front of you..."*

MAIN TAKEAWAY

We may not know the way ahead, but we know the One who goes ahead of us - Jesus, our Good Shepherd and King.



REFLECTION QUESTION

What challenge in front of me is having more authority over me than the presence of the LORD?



PRAYER / RESPONSE

Jesus, help me live in the reality that You are with me - and trust You to go before me.



"The LORD has gone out
in front of you..."

2 SAMUEL 5:24

THE ONE WHO GOES BEFORE US

2 SAMUEL 5:11-25

"We may not know the way ahead,"
but we know the One who goes ahead of us:
Jesus, our Good Shepherd and King."

1

ISRAEL'S KING
NEEDED A KING



Deuteronomy 17

- Israel could have a king—but Israel's king was to live under God's authority and His Word.
- Strength for the king comes from the LORD.

2

DAVID:
NOT PERFECT



2 Samuel 5:13

- Deuteronomy 17 warned against many wives.
- David loves the LORD, but he is not the perfect King.

3

THE ENEMY
IN FRONT



2 Samuel 5:17-18

- The Philistines came in full force.
- The Valley of "Rephaim" can refer to: dead spirits or giant clans

4

DAVID INQUIRES
BEFORE ACTING



2 Samuel 5:19

- "Shall I go and attack?"
- David seeks the LORD—not his strength.
- The LORD says: Go.
- David obeys.

5

THE LORD
BREAKS OUT



2 Samuel 5:20-21

- "As waters break out..."
- Victory belongs to the LORD.
- The Philistines flee and leave their idols behind.

6

THE LORD GOES
BEFORE DAVID



2 Samuel 5:23-25

- David inquires again.
- Wait for the sound of marching.
- The LORD goes before.
- David follows.

THE JOURNEY
OF DEPENDENCE

1 Samuel 2:9

"It is not by strength
that one prevails."



2 Samuel 3:39

"I am weak."



2 Samuel 4:9

"The LORD... has
delivered me..."



2 Samuel 5:10

"The LORD God
Almighty was with him."



2 Samuel 5:24

"The LORD has gone
out in front of you."



WEAKNESS → DELIVERANCE → GOD-GIVEN STRENGTH → CONTINUED DEPENDENCE → THE LORD GOES BEFORE

The strengthened king still follows the true King.



MAIN TAKEAWAY

We may not know the way ahead,
but we know the One who goes
ahead of us: Jesus, our Good
Shepherd and King.



REFLECTION QUESTION

What challenge in front of me is having
more authority over me than the
presence of the LORD?



TWO REALITIES

VISIBLE REALITY



The Philistines
were present—
powerful,
threatening,
immediate.

GREATER REALITY



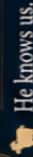
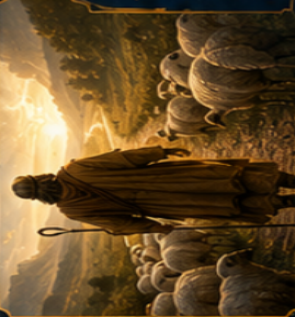
The LORD
was present—
with David...
and ahead
of David.

VS.

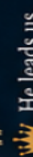
OUR STRUGGLES IN THIS LIFE
ARE VERY REAL...

BUT SO IS THE PRESENCE
AND POWER OF GOD.

Jesus, help me live in the reality that You
are with me - and trust You to go before me.



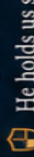
He knows us.



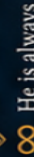
He leads us.



He goes before us.



He holds us securely.



He is always with us.

KEY SCRIPTURES



2 Samuel 5:10
"...the LORD God Almighty
was with him."



2 Samuel 5:19
David inquired of
the LORD.



2 Samuel 5:20
"As waters break out,
the LORD has broken
out against my enemies
before me."



2 Samuel 5:23
"So David inquired
of the LORD..."



2 Samuel 5:24
"The LORD has gone
out in front of you..."



2 Samuel 5:25
"David did as the LORD
commanded him."



John 10:4

"He goes on ahead of
them, and his sheep
follow him..."



John 10:27-28
He knows His sheep.
He leads. He saves.
He holds securely.



Matthew 28:20
"Surely I am with you
always, to the very
end of the age."



OUR SHEPHERD-KING
IS WITH US—AND
GOES BEFORE US.