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## David: Faith That Worships

### 2 Samuel 7:18-29

We planted a plum tree, an asparagus bed, raspberries and flowers. And then we decided to move. We knew the time was right, but to our neighbors it made no sense. Why do all that work and then hand it over to someone else before we had time to enjoy it?

King David had ambitious plans for a temple, but the Lord showed him that he would never see it. Faith is easy when everything goes as planned, but faith gets tested in the face of disappointment.

1. What do you usually do after a disappointment?

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2. Read 2 Samuel 7:18-29. Three thousand years ago, David became king of Israel and captured the stronghold of Jerusalem. Right away he wanted to build a permanent temple to the Lord to replace the tabernacle, the movable tent which had been Israel's worship center since the time of Moses. Through Nathan the prophet, the Lord said that the temple would not be built in David's time but would be built by his son (2 Sam 7:1-17). What three words or phrases would you use to describe David's reaction to the news?

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3. What makes King David's prayer worshipful?

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4. David begins by asking "Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?" (v. 18). How is faith affected by having a sense of where we've come from and how far along the Lord has brought us?

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5. David voices awe that God had spoken of David's "house" (descendants) far into the future (v. 19). How is faith deepened by a vision of what the Lord can do beyond the here and now? (Notice also v. 27)

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6. How does David express the unique privilege of belonging to God's people (vv. 23-24)?

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7. What did David ask or expect from the Lord (vv. 25, 29)?

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8. How does David's prayer express faith?

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9. Why does faith lead naturally into worship?

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10. In what ways can this combination of faith with worship sustain you through troubled times?

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11. In a spirit of worship, what would you like to say to the Lord about himself?

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about yourself?

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about how far he has brought you?

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about your hopes for the future?

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