



Sermon Discussion Guide

11.10.24 Message | Tyler Myers | 2 Samuel 7:18-29

Key Scripture (ESV):

"Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, 'Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD. You have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord GOD! Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods? And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God. And now, O LORD God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. And your name will be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is God over Israel,' and the house of your servant David will be established before you. For you, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever.'"

- 2 Samuel 7:18-29 (ESV)

Message Highlights:

- Prayer isn't about just asking God for things—it's about realigning our hearts with why we were created. Prayer centers us back in gratitude, grounding us in his purpose.
- Gratitude has this way of pulling us back to God, especially when life feels tough. It's like a compass that always points us back to his goodness.
- Let's be real—it's easy to slip into grumbling or even greed. Gratitude, though, is something we have to cultivate intentionally. It's a practice that goes against the grain.
- When we live out of gratitude, we start seeing with God's perspective. It gives us courage, pushes us to lean into his lasting purposes and reminds us that his plans are bigger than our momentary wants.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Share a moment when gratitude changed your perspective on a difficult situation. How did it impact your approach?

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This season, as we approach Christmas, let's reflect on how we can give generously in response to gratitude.

The needs in our community are high, with rising costs affecting housing, energy and groceries. Many are facing significant financial shortfalls, and we have an opportunity to step in. Through the Quincy Area Partnership for Unmet Needs, we can pool resources and provide relief for individuals and families who have exhausted other avenues of assistance. As we consider our Christmas spending, let's ask ourselves how we can make a Kingdom impact through giving that goes above and beyond, providing stability and hope in Jesus' name.



DISCUSS THE MESSAGE

- Tyler said prayer is more about aligning ourselves with God's purpose than about asking for what we want. How does this idea reshape the way you view your prayer life?
- The message mentioned that gratitude is like a compass pointing us back to God, especially during hard times. How does this perspective challenge or encourage you when you're facing difficulties?
- True prayer changes us and brings us into God's mission. What's an area in your life where you think prayer could help you align more closely with God's purpose?
- The message emphasized that gratitude gives us courage to lean into God's lasting purposes. How does this call to courage resonate with you, especially when thinking about challenges or uncertainties in your life?

THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?):

- David asks, "Who am I, O Lord God?" How can humility fuel a heart of gratitude? (2 Samuel 7:18)
- In what ways might gratitude reveal God's purpose for us beyond personal gain? (2 Samuel 7:21)
- David praises God for redeeming Israel. How can we celebrate God's work in our lives and the lives of others? (2 Samuel 7:23)
- How does a Kingdom perspective on gratitude shift our response to blessings and trials? (2 Samuel 7:24)
- How does seeking an "eternal perspective" in prayer affect our everyday interactions and decisions? (2 Samuel 7:29)

THINK LIFE CHANGE (Does your group recognize the personal implications for them as individuals?):

- How does practicing gratitude daily change how we approach relationships?
- Think about a challenging situation you've been in lately. In what ways can you bring a spirit of gratitude into the difficulty? How would you bring prayer into the circumstance? How would you anticipate this altering how you see the Lord's provision in the circumstances?

THINK ENGAGE (Does your group know how to apply the challenge?):

- Based on Tyler's message, how is prayer making a difference in our lives? Mindsets? Heart?
- What does it look like to be proactive and action-oriented in your prayer life? How could this impact how you engage others around you?
- How can prayer help us stay focused on gratitude when surrounded by negativity?

THINK KINGDOM (Does your group understand the overarching Kingdom, that the work we do is bigger than ourselves?):

- How does focusing on prayer and gratitude align us with God's larger purpose for his people?
- Being Kingdom-minded requires intentional training. What are some ways you can begin to train yourself as a believer to be a gratitude-first person and someone who leans into prayer as a way of life?