

# **Military Staff Conference**

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## **“The Life of David”**

*Mike Treneer*



*(Part 3)*

## David Receives God's Promise

### The God Of Promises

*O Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your words are trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant.*

2 Samuel 7:28

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### David Receives God's Promise 2 Samuel 7:1-29

1. David's zeal for God (vs. 1-3)
2. God's promise to David (vs. 4-16)
3. David's response to God's promise (vs. 17-29)

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### David's Zeal For God 2 Samuel 7:1-3

- ♦ David's initiative . . .
  - ♦ Always looking for what he can do for God
- ♦ David's intensity . . .
  - ♦ Nothing half-hearted about him
- ♦ Nathan's well-intentioned misunderstanding
  - ♦ Humility in admitting it!

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## David Receives God's Promise

Isaiah 55:8-9

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."*

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Our Zeal For God

Are we pursuing God's plan  
**or**  
our plan?

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God's Promise To David  
2 Samuel 7:4-16

- ♦ God questions David's plan (vs. 4-7)
- ♦ God clarifies what He is doing (vs.8-10)
- ♦ God gives David a promise (vs. 11-16)

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## David Receives God's Promise

### God Questions David's Plan 2 Samuel 7:4-7

- ♦ Are you the one?
  - ♦ Questions the person
- ♦ A house of cedar?
  - ♦ Questions the vision

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### God Clarifies What He Is Doing 2 Samuel 7:8-11

- ♦ God is concerned for people not buildings
  - ♦ David, the leader
  - ♦ The people whom David leads

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### God Gives David A Promise 2 Samuel 7:11-16

- ♦ A different kind of house
- ♦ A different kind of time scale
- ♦ A different kind of King
- ♦ A different kind of Kingdom

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## David Receives God's Promise

### A Different Kind Of House

- ♦ A house built of people, not cedar
- ♦ A house built by God, not David
- ♦ A house built on the foundation of:
  - ♦ God's promise to David
  - ♦ Not David's promise to God

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### God's Promises To Us

Are we concentrating on our  
promises to God

**or**

His promises to us?

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### A Different Kind Of Time Scale

- ♦ *When your days are over . . .*  
(vs. 12)
- ♦ *Forever...* (vs. 13,16)
- ♦ Faith and patience inherit the  
promises! (Hebrews 6:12)

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## David Receives God's Promise

A Different Kind Of King

Initial and ultimate fulfillment  
**Solomon**

**JESUS**

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A Different Kind Of Kingdom

*Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom establishing it and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD almighty will accomplish this.*

Isaiah 9:7

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David's Response To God's Promise  
(2 Samuel 7:17-29)

- ♦ Prayer
- ♦ Humility
- ♦ Praise and worship
- ♦ Takes hold of God's promise and claims it in **FAITH**

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## **MIKE AND CHRIS TRENEER**

### **Biographical Sketch**

Chris was born in Kampala, Uganda, the daughter of missionary parents. She came to personal faith in Christ through her father's death from leukemia when she was 11 years old. She was discipled by a Navigator while training as a nurse in London. Before their marriage Chris led a Navigator ministry to nurses at London's Westminster Hospital.

Mike came to faith in Christ through the Navigator student ministry in England. After graduating from University Mike continued his involvement in Navigator student work.

Mike and Chris were married in 1971 and joined the staff of the Navigators working with students at Southampton University and later leading the Navigator ministry in London.

Mike and Chris led the team that pioneered the Navigator work in Nigeria. They then moved to Nairobi, Kenya, where they lived for 16 years, while Mike led the Navigator work throughout sub-Saharan Africa. Mike and Chris traveled extensively throughout Africa, developing African leaders, teaching the Bible, shepherding missionaries and coaching in the pioneering of Navigator work in 20 countries.

They have devoted their lives to discipling singles and couples and have a wide experience of ministering in the United Kingdom and Africa and increasingly in many other parts of the world.

Mike and Chris now live in Colorado Springs where Mike is an International Vice-President of the Navigators. They have three adult children who are active in ministry. Ruth, the eldest, works with InterVarsity among international students in London; David is an engineer; and Anna is studying education.