28 Jan 2024 2 Sam 1-7 **(2:1-4a; 5:1-5; 7:1-17)**

**Why is God Taking So Long?**

QUESTIONS

After not being at Mt Gilboa to help Jonathan (1 Sam 27:1; 31;2), why is David careful to inquire of the Lord about how to approach the kingship (2 Sam 2:1)?

How can we be in prayer about everything and yet get things done? (What does it mean to be in prayer?)

After 10 yrs of running from Saul, it took another 7 yrs of civil war for David to be anointed king over all Israel. Why doesn’t God use His mighty power and hurry things up? What is he working on?

Even Jesus worked his trade for a couple of decades before beginning his 2-3 yr ministry. What might that mean for us?

What has waiting-without-knowing-for-sure allowed God to develop in your character?

The last big piece of info about the Great King was that the tribe of kings is Judah. How big-important is 2 Sam 7, telling us that the Great King will come from David’s house (in the tribe of Judah)?