

## Sermon Text Discussion Notes 02/17/2019

2 Samuel 1-4 – “Resistance to God’s Anointed King” by Drew Hunter

### Overview

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The first four chapters of 2 Samuel are a complete mess. This is the transition to David’s kingship. He is finally becoming king. We’ve been waiting for this for the entirety of the book of 1 Samuel. And what unfolds is a seven-year Shakespearian tragedy. It’s filled with power struggles and war and betrayal and murders. This is the story of how God established a king over Israel; and the whole story points forward to how God will establish Jesus as a better king over the whole world.

1. The New King (1:1-2:7)
2. The Civil War (2:8-3:1)
3. The Deeper Problem (3:2-4:12)
4. The Larger Story

### Quotations

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“If I were asked today to formulate as concisely as possible the main cause of the ruinous Revolution that swallowed up some sixty million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat: Men have forgotten God; that’s why all this has happened.” - Alexander Solzhenitsyn

### Understanding & Application

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- 1) Re-read David’s poem from 1 Sam. 1:17-27. How does this poem highlight the main themes of 1 and 2 Samuel?
- 2) In 2 Sam. 3:2-4:12, Abner and Joab reveal their heart’s deepest desires through their actions.  
How does this passage reveal the motivations of these men?  
How have you recently been surprised by something you thought or did or said, revealing your own true desires?
- 3) Alexander Solzhenitsyn’s chilling comment above about the atrocities in the Soviet Union should sober us up to the gravity of forgetting God. These dark chapters from 2 Samuel on Israel’s history should do the same. Even still, we all live in certain moments and in various ways functionally forgetting God.  
Share with your group how you have recently lived in a way that forgets God. Take some time to repent together.  
Also, take some time to share how have you recently seen God give you fresh reminders of his nearness and kindness – ways you have seen God help you to live vividly aware of his goodness.
- 4) God’s Spirit frequently brings one particular truth or emphasis to our mind as we sit under the preaching of his Word. Take a moment to reflect on the one main thing God wanted you to hear on Sunday. Then take time and share with your group how God spoke to you through his Word **and** this one thing changes how you will live tomorrow.