**GOD ESTABLISHES DAVID AS KING OVER ISRAEL**

2 Samuel 2:1-5:16 (Key verse 5:12)

*And David knew that the Lord had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.*

**DAVID BECOMES KING OVER JUDAH (1:1-3:5)**

1. While David lived in exile, what had happened in Israel? (1:1; 1 Sam 31:1-13) How did David react to the news? (1:2-27) How is he different from most leaders?
2. What was the first move David made toward claiming the crown? (2:1) How did he become king of Judah? (2:2-4a) In context of the key verse, why did David as his first act as king of Judah, honour the men from Jabesh Gilead? (3:4b-7) But what prevented national unity (2:8-9)
3. Who was Abner? (8; 1 Sam 14:50) Who was Joab? (13; 1 Chron 2:10-16) How did these two men start a war between the house of Saul and the house of David? (2:8-32) What was the result? (3:1-5)

**DAVID BECOMES KING OVER ALL ISRAEL (3:6-5:16)**

1. Why did Abner decide to defect to David? (3:6-11) What was the significance of his defection? (3:12) How did David receive him? (3:13-21)
2. But what did Joab selfishly do that placed the unification of Israel in doubt? (3:22-27, 30) How did David feel about this? (3:28-29) And what did he do? (3:31-38) What does this show about him as a man and as a lead­er?
3. Who were Recab and Baanah and what did they do? (4:1-8) How did David deal with them? Why? (4:9-12) Finally how did David become king of all Israel? (5:1-5) Which city did David conquer to be his capital? (5:6-9) As he became more and more powerful, what did David realize? (5:10-16)