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### Application Paper- Samuel

God establishes David as king. From setting the stage of kingship through Hannah, Samuel, and Saul and following the triumphs, troubles, and transgressions of David we see God establish David as king. This is shown through his covenant with David when he says in 2 Samuel 7:5-16 “Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me.”

One major principle that we learn from God’s establishment of David as king is the power and sovereignty of God. Going throughout the entire book you see that God has power over all decisions and kings. No matter how many times Israel fails, or the kings fail, God will deliver what he wants to happen. No matter if Israel hands over the Ark in battle, or if the people want a king like Saul instead of a king with a pure heart, God’s will always wins. Yesterday, today, and in the future, God will deliver his plans whether we make mistakes or not.

God shows his power in sovereignty by showing that he reigns in the right now. In Samuel you see God’s reign over our timing. He is bigger than our time constraints and proves his power through teaching David patience. In 1 Samuel 16 David is anointed by Samuel to be the next king, for the next half of the first book of Samuel you see the downfall of Saul but also the trust that David has to have in God that he will still be king one day. It isn’t until 2 Samuel 5 when we see David as king of Israel. God will reign in the chaos of our lives, even when we don’t understand his timing, he is in control. My experience with this comes from my freshman year of high school. We were moving to Tennessee to be closer to family, and during this long

process I was bitter during this time because I didn't want to leave my friends. Although, the week we moved my Grandma passed away, and my Uncle from my other side of the family got a liver transplant. These things we could have never predicted but we got to be close to our family during this time because we lived by them now. God gave me better friends and a better school situation than I ever had and proved to me during this time that his timing is always right.

God also shows his reign and power by proving throughout the book of Samuel, and especially David, that he is greater than our consequences. God punishes if you disobey. While that happens, that doesn't destroy his ultimate plans and purposes for that person. Even when they paid in full for their mistakes through consequences he still fulfills his work. Nothing stops God. For example, David has an affair with Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11, because of this sin David had to pay the consequence of his son dying in 2 Samuel 12:18. Although, the difference here is that David repented. Eli was called out for his wrong way of living and did not change, Saul was called out and refused to repent to God, but David repented and God delivered his plans through Solomon. Even when David did wrong in the eyes of the Lord, God's reign was bigger than his mistakes and he carried out his covenant with David. This remains today because even in our sin God has shown us to not give up on him working in and through our lives.

God's sovereignty carries out far beyond our earthly death. God goes before us and can do things in people's lives that we may never get the chance to see. The kingship of David and covenant with him went well beyond his time as king or on earth. Eventually, we see Jesus brought in through the line of David in Matthew 1. Even through his sin with Bathsheba God was able to show his forgiveness and love through sending his son Jesus. This can be applied to us today because we don't know the impact we might make on someone. To speak life into someone else, or encourage the person next to us, could all make a huge impact on that person

that we may never know about on this side of heaven. Especially through the church, the impact we give off or influences you may show to people can ultimately plant a seed for something God might do in that person in the community even after you are gone.