COPING WITH FAMILY PROBLEMS AND MIDDLE AGE/ELDERLY SPIRITUAL DECLINE

2 Samuel 2:1;3:1-5; 5:6-13, 16
David, between the years seventeen and thirty, escapes from Saul and becomes a fugitive on the run. Then finally, at age thirty he comes to the pinnacle moment in his young life when Saul dies and he becomes the King. In our study this morning we want to look at a broad panoramic view of David’s accomplishments and his spiritual failures during his Kingship. Then in the next several weeks we’ll look at these years in more detail.
FOUR MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. DAVID expanded Israel’s boundaries from 6,000 to 60,000 square miles.

2. DAVID set up extensive trade routes to the entire known world. Financial prosperity came to Israel.
3. **DAVID** unified the nation of Israel. All 12 tribes, Southern and Northern areas were brought together.

4. **DAVID** helped shape a Jewish National interest in spiritual matters.
TWO MAJOR FAILURES

1. He *lost touch domestically.*
   His private life took precedence over his private family life.

2. He *failed to carb/discipline his passions for sex.*
TWO TIMELESS PRINCIPLES

1. Remember that nothing is more important than the pursuit of Godly ferity.
2. Remember that nothing is more important than the pursuit of personal holiness/Godliness.
I am worthy of God’s Love