

ACTS OF KINDNESS

Blessed are those who have regard for the weak. Psalm 41:1

Here are just some of the serving opportunities for Acts of Kindness month. For more options and details visit tlc.org/AOK. If you have questions contact Robin@tlc.org or **465-3381** or at the contact listed under each event.

APTOS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GIFT BAGS

10/19 • 9-10am • Rm. 7106/7107 • Signup: tlc.org/aptosJH

Help assemble encouragement gift bags for school staff.

PROJECT PAJAMAS

10/19 - 9am-11am • TLC Lobby • Signup: tlc.org/pajamas

Sort, package and deliver NEW pajamas for infants to teens in transitional housing. Collecting NEW PJs from Oct. 1-17 ONLY in barrels in lobby. Questions: arijustice@yahoo.com

HYGIENE BAGS FOR HOMELESS

10/22 • 2-4 PM • Santa Cruz Main Library • Signup: tlc.org/hygiene

Work alongside Downtown Streets clients assembling personal hygiene bags for the homeless in the library's upstairs meeting room.

CLOTHES FOR JANUS

Only 10/19-31 • Barrels in TLC Lobby

Collecting NEW socks, underwear, & sweatpants for adult men and women clients in the mental health program at Janus. Do not drop off before or after these dates.

EMBRACE GRACE BABY GIFTS

Pick up tag 10/25-26 • TLC Lobby • Return by 11/1

Purchase pre-selected baby items for single, homeless pregnant women. If you want to help wrap presents: tlc.org/embracegrace. Questions: Rachel at embracegrace.rachael@gmail.com

CLOTHING FOR SALVATION ARMY SHELTER CLIENTS

Only 11/1-18 • Barrels in TLC Lobby

Collecting good, gently used shoes, pants, and shirts for children, women, and men who are housed at the Salvation Army. Do not drop off before or after these dates.

WATSONVILLE CONNECT

11/13 • 9:30am-3:30pm • Veterans Hall, Watsonville • Signup: tlc.org/phc

Help walk homeless clients around to various services or volunteer your services such as hair cutters, vets, eye doctors, etc. Registration opens mid-October.

CHASING DAVID

WEEK 5

FINDING HOPE WHEN DREAMS DIE 2 SAMUEL 7

All verses from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted.

In 2 Samuel 7, David longs to build a temple for God. But God says no.

“Go and tell my servant David, This is what the LORD has declared: ‘Are you the one to build a house for me to live in? I have never lived in a house... I have never once complained...I have never asked, “Why haven’t you built me a beautiful cedar house?”’” 2 Samuel 7:5-7

“I **took you** from the pasture, from tending the flock, and **appointed you** ruler over my people Israel. **I have been with you** wherever you have gone... **Now I will make your name great...**The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a **house for you...**” 2 Samuel 7:8-11b NIV

WHY DOES GOD EVER SAY NO?

• God has a bigger _____

“For **when you die and are buried** with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name.” 2 Samuel 7:12,13

• God has a better _____

“And I will secure his royal throne **forever**. I will be his father, and **he will be my son...** Your house and your kingdom will continue before me **for all time**, and your throne will be secure **forever.**” 2 Samuel 7:14a,16

Some things in my life will never _____

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WHAT DO I DO WHEN GOD SAYS NO?

So Nathan went back to David and told him everything the Lord had said in this vision. Then King David went in and sat **before the Lord** and prayed... 2 Samuel 7:17,18a

1. Think of _____

(David says) “**Who am I**, Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that **you** have brought me this far?” 2 Samuel 7:18b

“Do you deal with everyone this way, O Sovereign Lord? What more can I say to you? **You know what your servant is really like**, Sovereign Lord. Because of **your promise** and according to your will, you have done **all these great things** and have made them known to your servant. How great you are, O Sovereign Lord! **There is no one like you. We have never even heard of another God like you!**”

2 Samuel 7:19b-22

2. Thank _____

“And now, O Lord God, **I am your servant**; do as you have promised concerning me and my family. Confirm it as a promise that will last forever.” 2 Samuel 7:25

See “no” as _____, not _____.

Don't cling so hard to the dream you _____

that you miss the dream God is _____.

3. Trust _____

“For you are God, O Sovereign Lord. Your words are truth, and **you have promised these good things** to your servant.” 2 Samuel 7:28

“...You, Sovereign Lord, have spoken, and **with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed** forever.” 2 Samuel 7:29b

Choose to be _____ with God's _____.

God's promise to David becomes a major biblical theme

Out of **the stump of David's family** will grow a shoot—yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. Isaiah 11:1 NLT

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. **He will reign on David's throne** and over his kingdom... from that time on and forever. Isaiah 9:6,7 NIV

(The angel to Mary) “He will be very great and **will be called the Son of the Most High**. The Lord God will give him **the throne of his ancestor David**. And he will reign over Israel forever; **his Kingdom will never end!**” Luke 1:32,33 NLT

A PRAYER FOR TIMES WHEN GOD SAYS NO

Sovereign Lord,
You are God. I am not.

Though you seem to be saying no to this
I will remember:
How you have done good things for me
How you have promised good things for me

With the blessings you send today
I will choose to be blessed.
On the blessings you promise for tomorrow
I will choose to set my hope.
In the Son of David, Jesus Christ,
I will choose to place my trust.
Amen.

Sermon resources referenced in this message

Andy Stanley, “When Dreams Can't Come True”, North Point Church, Atlanta
John Lin, “David Tries to Build a House,” Redeemer Presbyterian, New York
Rick Warren, “Learn What to Do When God Says No”, Saddleback, Lake Forest