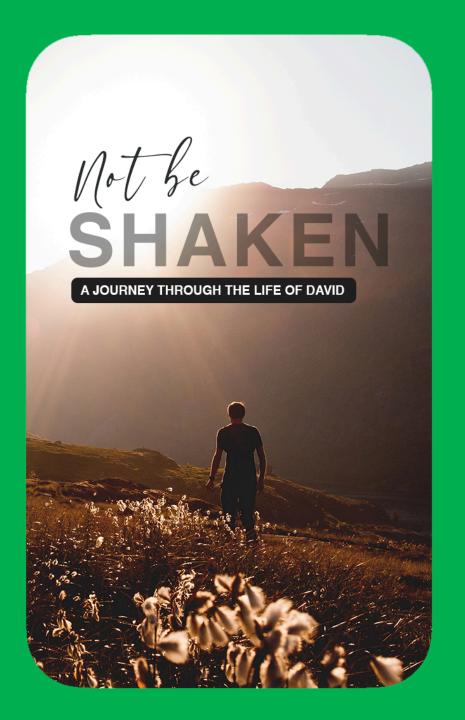
I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken

[Psalm 16:8]





2 Samuel

2 Samuel 1 David laments the fall of "God's Anointed"

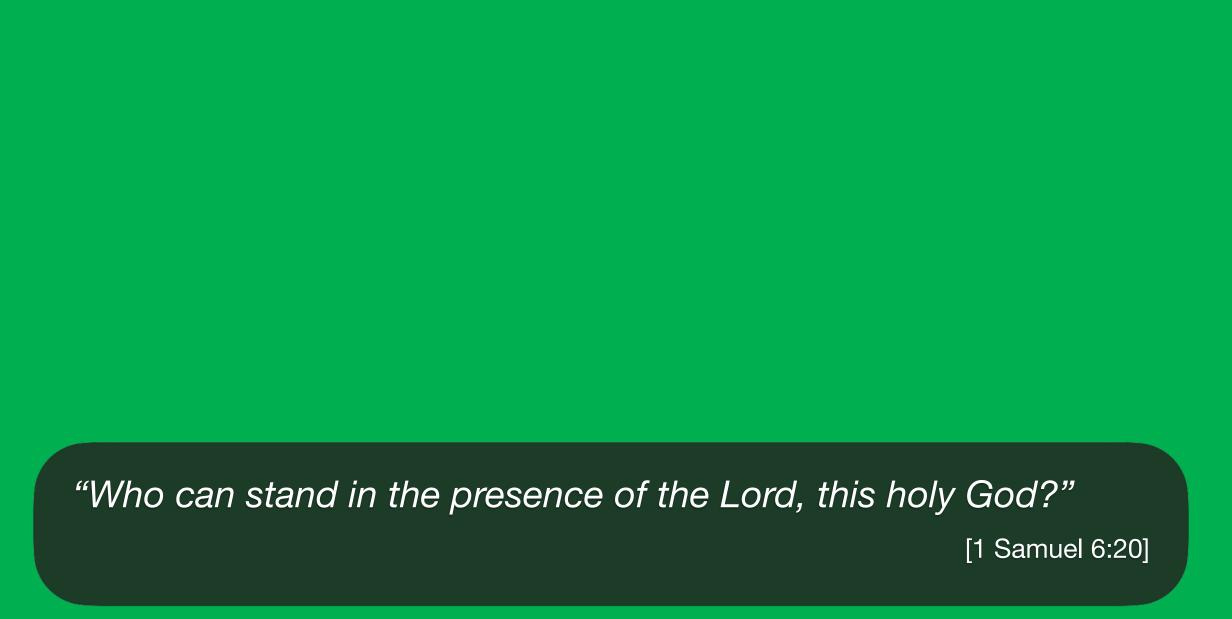
2 Samuel 1 David becomes king – over part of Israel (Judah)

2 Samuel 3,4 "House of Saul" vs. "House of David"

2 Samuel 5 David finally king over all of Israel!

When God says, "NO!" 2 Samuel 6,7

The Ark: God: Prescribes, Presides, Provides (x2), Present



Authority only matters when we disagree

The God who is in control is not a God I can control

Am I authentically engaging God, or just trying to manage God?

I. WHEN GOD SAYS 'NO' ... it's so I can say a deeper 'yes' to Him

Without trials only spoiled brats would enter heaven.

And that would turn heaven into hell.

[Larry Crabb]

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

[Psalm 139:23,24]

WHEN GOD SAYS 'NO' ...

... it's so I'll look more clearly at his bigger 'yes' to me

God only says 'No' to get to 'Yes:'
My deeper yes to him; His bigger yes to me