

An Encouraging Word for the People

- 1. Proclaiming the King's Gospel Brings Challenges (13-14).**
- 2. The Lord of History Directs All Things for His Purpose (15-23).**
- 3. King Jesus Is the Promised Son of David (23-25).**

God is the Lord of History. He is sovereignly causing all things to work together for His purpose as He faithfully keeps all His promises to His people. Nowhere is that more clearly evident than in Him bringing the Son of David to His eternal throne. He overcomes all our challenges and works through us to make His glory known throughout all the earth. Let us praise Him!

Second Timothy 2: 8 – 10

Remember **Jesus Christ**, risen from the dead, **the offspring of David**, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the **salvation that is in Christ Jesus** with eternal glory.

Second Peter 1: 16 – 21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15: 4 – 7

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Acts—Series Overview

The Expansion of the Gospel Witness with Power

Acts records God’s faithful accomplishment of all that He promised in taking the gospel to the nations. It lays the groundwork for all that will take place as His Church awaits His return. Just as Jesus lived and spoke as the Father commanded, we now are called to do in the power of His Holy Spirit. While Jesus did this perfectly, we will strive imperfectly, constantly in need of the Holy Spirit’s direction, power, and correction. Nevertheless, our faithful God will work even through our failing efforts and His gospel witness through us will prevail and penetrate every nation, tribe, & territory. For the praise of our King!

Taking Gathered Worship Home

What is the point of history? Is it just a collection of dates when stuff happened? God shows us history is the record of God's faithfulness in keeping His promise to His people. That promise culminates in His bringing David's Son to His eternal throne from which He rules and reigns as sovereign over all the earth and redeems His people.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday Morning

READ **Acts 13:13-25; Luke 1:30-33; Second Timothy 2:8-10**. DISCUSS, What encouragement do we find in Jesus, *the Son of David*? How does God the Father's rule over history comfort us? How does it demonstrate His claim over all of our lives? How are you submitting to His lordship today? PRAY "Lord God of Israel, we praise You as our King. We thank You for Your sovereign rule over all history. You have established Your Kingdom just as You promised. Enable us to joyfully submit to Your holy rule and reign over all things! "

Sunday Evening

Young Adults' Fellowship at **6:00** tonight in the FCCW library.

Monday

READ **Acts 13:13-25; Mark 13:9-13; Second Corinthians 1:3-7; 11:24-28**. DISCUSS, What challenges might we face proclaiming Christ as the Lord of History? What is our comfort? How is God working through all these challenges? PRAY, "Jesus, You are the King of History. You orchestrate all things to bring glory to Your name and the salvation of Your people. Teach us to trust in You!"

Tuesday

READ **Acts 13:13-25; Romans 15:4-7; Hebrews 11:1-40**. DISCUSS, How does reviewing history help us to trust Christ? Why? How does Christ's rule enable us to trust Him as we face various challenges? PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for Your eternal rule as King of all history. It is the chronicle of Your faithfulness and we praise You."

Wednesday

READ **Acts 13:13-25; Second Samuel 7:1-17; Psalm 132:11-12; Luke 1:30-33**. DISCUSS, What did God promise David? How was that fulfilled in Solomon? How was that fulfilled in Jesus? How are we trusting now in the Son of David? PRAY, “Lord Jesus, we confess that You alone are King and we praise You.”

Thursday

READ **Acts 13:13-25; Matthew 9:27-31; 12:22-28; 15:21-28; 20:29-34; 21:9-17; 22:41-45**. DISCUSS, What is the title used for Jesus throughout these passages? Why is that significant? What does the Son of David do? Why? PRAY, “Lord Jesus, You are the promised Son of David who has come to save Your people. Help us to trust You and submit to Your loving rule and reign.”

Friday

READ **Acts 13:13-25; Luke 1:30-33; Second Timothy 2:8-10**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? REJOICE if by God’s grace you are able to praise the King! PRAY for renewal and revival across our land.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both live-stream & in-person services are available.*

READ **Acts 13:1-52**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for either the *live-stream or in-person service*. ^[1]_[SEP]Ask Jesus to help us love our neighbors well.

Luke 1: 30 – 33

And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And **the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David**, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”