

AS A COURTESY TO OUR SPEAKERS, PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

## Weekly Announcements

- **WELCOME!** If you are new to WBS today, please stop by the registration table so we can place you in a small group.
- **POSTCARDS:** Please take a series postcard with you and read each weekly passage in advance of our lesson. Several passages are long. Reading them in advance will help you understand the gist of the teaching background for each week. You'll also find the website information on the front for downloading materials.
- **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR:**
  - ~ Small group leaders as they attend a leadership retreat either this weekend or next weekend for community building and a time of personal spiritual growth
  - ~ Wisdom and insight for Jann Wright as she prepares to teach next week
  - ~ Hearts which desire justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before God
- **WE ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE:** during our administrative transition period. We trust it will be seamless but if we missed something please just graciously let us know and we will meet your needs as quickly as we are able. You can also email us at [wbs@autumnridgechurch.org](mailto:wbs@autumnridgechurch.org).
- **DEVOTED HEARTS CONFERENCE 2012:** Registration for this year's event for women on April 20-21 is now open. Our keynote speaker is Alicia Williams Garcia. Alicia has lead Women in Worship Conferences for the last 5 years. As a speaker, she is well versed in biblical knowledge; in life, she is well versed in heartache. She will be joined by Angie Smith, the wife of Todd Smith from the music group Selah. As part of this year's DH team, Selah will lead us in worship as well as provide a full concert on Saturday afternoon. Tickets are \$40 until March 19 with additional box lunch for \$7 and are available at Christos or online at [www.devotedheartsrochester.com](http://www.devotedheartsrochester.com).

Dear Friends,

*I finally took down our Christmas tree on Monday. This was surely the longest I had ever waited before clearing up after Christmas. Although I could assure myself that the twelve days of Christmas had to go by (this finished at least a week ago!) and that I deserved some grace after being sick, etc., etc. it was clear to me that the tree was still standing reproachfully in our living room, waiting to be taken down.*

*While it's not exactly a sin to avoid putting away your Christmas stuff, it does illustrate for me that I'm capable of dodging my responsibilities over a period of time. All it does is make it worse when you actually face the deed you've been avoiding, whether that is cleaning the bathroom or clearing out the refrigerator after the holidays, doing your taxes or writing letters that should have long ago been written. You have the bad conscience leading up to taking care of it as well as the task itself to do.*

*Today we are studying the life of David, and what made God choose him as "a man after God's own heart". With all David's flaws, shirking responsibility was not one of them. When he understood he had done wrong, David moved quickly to repent and make things right with God. And God saw something in David that caused him to forgive David's sins. David was capable of forgiveness, and restitution, and admitting that he was wrong. God looks for forgiveness and repentance in our lives as a sign that we understand what we've been forgiven from.*

*I am both grateful and terrified that God sees our hearts. Because God looks on the heart and not just the outward action, I'm sure that he has a different view of many folks than those around them do. This week's passage is a good reminder to me to take more care of my heart and my conscience than my appearance and my actions. For what is inside of us is inevitably revealed in our words and actions, and only if our heart is healthy before God will we not have to be ashamed of what we do or say in an unguarded moment.*

*Meanwhile, now I've got to haul the Christmas boxes to the attic!*

Your friend,

Gretchen Steer

Weekly materials can be downloaded from the Autumn Ridge Church Website:

<http://autumnridgechurch.org/adult/women/wbs.html>

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# Kings & Kingdoms:

## God's Sovereign Hand in Israel's History



**Today's speaker:**  
Juli Fischer

**Our Passage:**  
1 Samuel 16:1-13 &  
2 Samuel 16:1-13

**Our Topic:**  
The Great King David

1 Samuel 16:1-13 and 2 Samuel 16:1-13

1. Let the words of my mouth..... 2 Samuel 16:1-4
  - a. Why is David running?
  - b. Who are the others?
  - c. What was the arrangement David made?... 2 Samuel 9:6-13
  - d. Why did David say what he did?
  - e. Words can be powerful.
  - f. Psalm 3
  
2. And the meditation of my heart.....2 Samuel 16:5-13
  - a. Why was Shimei doing this?
  - b. What kind of attitude did David have?
  
3. Be pleasing in your sight.....1 Samuel 16:1-13
  - a. Why did God call him this?
  
4. The end result.....2 Samuel 19: 4-30
  - a. What are the results of 2 Samuel 16?
  
5. Our prayer.....Psalm 19:14

**Timeline of Kings:**  
Note that these are not all of the kings from this time period but only the ones we will be studying.

