



God's unfolding Story...

"After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do." Acts 13:22

Each one of us has a story. Many of our stories are interwoven together. All of our stories are part of God's big story which is unfolding before us. God has been working out His story since before the world began. Our privilege is to play a small part in this amazing story. What a blessing it is to be involved with people. The photo above is a snapshot of the people God brought into our midst in Norway this summer. What a beautiful couple of weeks we had in the Norwegian mountains and fjords. God blessed us all richly as we thought about all that lies ahead of us in eternity: not the end of the story by any means but more of a new beginning.

As we have settled back into life in Southampton we are excited to share our story with a new and returning bunch of students coming to Southampton. We have designed our programme for the term around the theme "What's your Story?" As we share our stories with one another we are focusing on the story of the Life of David. There is so much in the Bible about David both written about him and also from his own hand! His story is incredibly real and authentic and we see him both in the good times and the hard times. David is a great example for us of someone who experienced God for a lifetime. He is not however without his faults and the latter part of his life in particular records a number of significant failures.

When David arrives on the scene in 1 Samuel 16 God is looking for someone through whom He can work. God was grieved that He had made Saul King of Israel (1 Sam 15:11) and resolved to give the Kingdom to one of Saul's neighbours – to one better than him (1 Sam 15:28). The kind of King that Israel had desired was one who was impressive and yet God showed that He does not look at outward appearances. No, God looks at the heart, and in David He found a man after His own heart (1 Sam 13:14). God is still looking for such men and women today. It is our privilege to co-labour with God as we invest in the next generation. This term we are going to be looking at some of the most significant events in David's lifetime as well as journeying together in some of David's Psalms in Bible study. Please pray for us that this would be a story we can all identify with and learn from.



Update & Prayer Points

Southampton Students: Firstly we said we would update you regarding our assignment review. We are pleased to say that the Navigators renewed our assignment to continue working with students. We also began talking about what might come next and we will continue work on this during our next assignment. While this is still a little way off we are conscious of the need to make space for others to step up and lead. We have therefore asked three individuals (Stephen, Tom and Sarah) to join us on a small executive team to lead the ministry. There is no commitment for these folk to succeed us in leading ministry but we see this as an important step in beginning to prepare the next generation for service. Together we lead a wider team of student and graduate leaders in serving together at Southampton Uni. Please pray for our new team that we would work well together and also for good ongoing communication with the wider team. So far this term has felt like a slow but steady start (as it often is for us) but we are trusting God to continue to draw people into our midst.

International Missions Team (IMT): Steve will also continue to serve on the IMT and has a particular responsibility on this team for short term programmes. This is the time of year when much planning is done to beginning preparing publicity and online content to advertise these trips. Please pray for much wisdom as we begin this process. Last summer we had 30 folk from the UK out on short term programmes and a further 10 with us for Discipleship week in Norway. Please pray for further progress in recruiting labourers to step out on these kinds of experiences next summer.

Family Update: We are grateful for a good start to life at school for Jacob and pre-school for Aaron. The older three also moved up and are enjoying their new classes also. Between them they are also involved in Swimming, Football and church clubs! Please pray for each of the kids to grow and mature this year and that in time each would come to know Jesus for themselves. Pray for us as we seek to help and support them alongside our various roles and responsibilities.

To God be the Glory,

Steve, Debs, Benjamin, Naomi, Samuel, Jacob & Aaron

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DAVID
A CHOSEN KING'S STORY

All regular meetings are at 53 Harefield Road on Thursdays at 6:30pm

SEP	27	MEDICAN EVENING Introducing the Story
OCT	4	A STORY OF IDENTITY David, Saul & Samuel
OCT	18	A STORY OF COURAGE David & Goliath
NOV	1	A STORY OF FRIENDSHIP David & Jonathan
NOV	15	A STORY OF PROMISES David & God
NOV	29	A STORY OF FAILURE David & Bathsheba
DEC	13	CHRISTMAS PARTY Jesus: The Son of David
JAN	10	A STORY OF CONSPIRACY David & Absalom

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Other Events:
NAVS Weekend Away:
1st-3rd of Wights, Fri 23rd - Sun 25th Nov
Pizza & Board Games Evening:
53 Harefield Road, Sat 29 Sept @ 6pm



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