

A FRESH START

II Samuel 12:15-25

Consider with me five realities of a fresh start found in our text.

I. FRESH COMMUNION (15-17)

A. DUE TO DAVID'S CONFESSION

1. He had confessed his sin to God
- II Sam. 12:13, Psalm 32:5, 38:18 and 51:3
2. The roadblock to fellowship with God has been removed
- See **Psalm 66:18** and I John 1:9

B. DUE TO DAVID'S SITUATION

1. A sick baby (15)
2. A pleading parent (16)
3. A commitment to intercession (17)

C. OUR SITUATION

1. Communion is essential for a fresh start
2. This may take a change in habits
3. Skipping this will lead us back into corruption

II. FRESH PERSPECTIVE (18-23a)

A. THE CIRCUMSTANCES (18-19)

B. THE RESPONSE (20-23a)

1. David's Actions (20)
 - a. He put off grief
 - b. He put on godliness
2. David's Reasoning (21-23a)
 - a. The servant's confusion (21)
 - b. The king's comments (22-23a)

C. THE LESSON

1. When we are starting over we must be content with God's will and ways.
2. Bitterness and depression will hinder a fresh start.

III. **FRESH HOPE** (23b)

A. DAVID'S ASSURANCE ABOUT HIS FUTURE

- See Ps. 16:9-11 and 17:15

B. DAVID'S CONFIDENCE ABOUT THE BABY

C. A REASSURANCE FOR THE HURTING

- This short phrase has been a great encouragement to those who have lost babies in death.

D. A REMINDER FOR OTHERS

1. God is compassionate - Psalm 103:13-14
2. God is concerned - Psalm 116:15

IV. **FRESH SYMPATHY** (24a)

A. DAVID'S INTEREST

- He comforts his wife

B. DAVID'S MESSAGE

- God is listening, God is good and
God has a plan for eternity

C. OUR MINISTRY: II Cor. 1:3-4

V. **FRESH BLESSING** (24b-25)

A. GOD'S GIFT

1. A son for David
2. Solomon's significance: "Now the Lord loved him"
3. Solomon's notoriety: Jedidiah
- That name means "Because of the Lord"
or "Beloved of the Lord."

B. GOD'S COMMUNICATION

1. Encouragement
2. Relief

C. GODLY PROVISION - [Lam. 3:22-23](#)

- Great is thy faithfulness!

CONCLUSION: We have a God who gives us a fresh start!

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