

Being Faithful to God

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 2, Session 9**.

After the Exodus the Hebrews settled in Canaan and established a kingdom.

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David, the second king, united the various tribes under one rule and established Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

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As David's power grew, he became arrogant and used his power to get whatever he wanted. This led him to make several bad decisions.

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David's decisions concerning Bathsheba broke two of God's important commandments. He committed adultery with her and then arranged for Uriah to be on the front lines, where he was killed.

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If we make poor choices, we can be forgiven, but we still have to live with the consequences.

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Having freedom of choice, or free will, does not mean we can do anything we please. God reminds us that choice is not only a gift granted to us but also a responsibility.

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David and Ruth both made life-changing decisions with different consequences.

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King David would not have been born had it not been for Ruth, who made a choice to care for her mother-in-law. Ruth became the great-grandmother of King David.

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Bathsheba, Ruth, and Naomi were all widows.

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