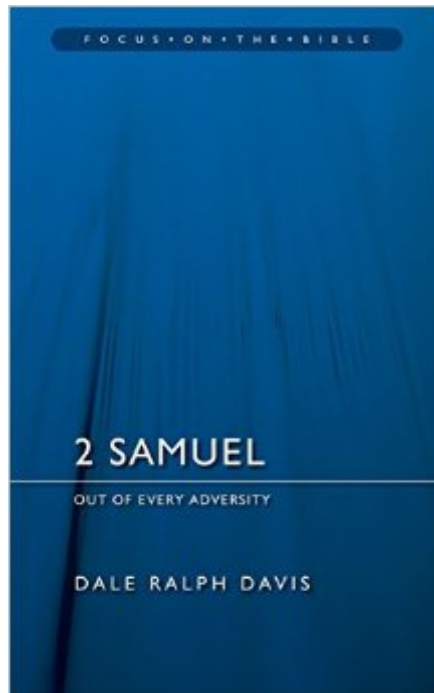


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In 2 Samuel: Out of Every Adversity, Dale Ralph Davis picks up where he left off at the end of 1 Samuel: Looking on the Heart. This commentary reads like a Sunday afternoon chat with a cheeky pastor who likes to enliven musty Old Testament texts by asking off-the-wall questions and finding the subtle subtexts in the stories of David's reign. What are readers to think about Joab, the fiercely loyal commander of David's army who saved the kingdom repeatedly, who gave David crucial advice in difficult times, but who also had the very bad habit of murdering anyone who got in the way of his personal ambition? How can David claim to be a 'pure of heart' in Psalm 18 after he commits adultery with Bathsheba and then murders her cuckolded husband Uriah? How did it satisfy God's wrath that the Gibeonites killed seven of Saul's innocent children and grandchildren as atonement for Saul's atrocities? Didn't the Law of Moses dictate children should not be put to death for the sins of their father? Dale Ralph Davis has the heart of a storyteller, and his commentaries are unique. He invites his readers to experience the story of ancient Israel almost as if it were a novel. While he occasionally has to deal with problems of textual ambiguity

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