From Pain to Promise
1 Kings 1:15-31; 1 Timothy 2:15
Sermon Outline

A. Facing the Pain (vs. 28-30):

1. David said – Bathsheba’s and Nathan’s leadership influenced David to address the issue.
2. Called Bathsheba – David gave orders for his servants to call Bathsheba with the expectation that she will come back to his room.
3. She came - She came with purpose and did not stop until it was fulfilled. Used with reference to the man who comes to the sanctuary in company with his community in order to pray and bring sacrifices.
4. She came - Bathsheba came to David focused on fulfilling her purpose of making Solomon king.
5. Stood - Stood upright in an official manner – to be established, immovable. It describes the last stage of this approaching, "to stand finally and officially" before the altar.
6. Stood - Until the first time Bathsheba came to David, she stood in his presence. She seems to position herself to have a strong resolve that the decision to make Solomon king must take place especially since she now knows about Abonijah.
7. Vowed by the Lord God - David vowed endlessly to work to institute his plan.

B. From Pain to Promise (vs. 31, 37):

1. David spoke renewing his vow by saying:
   a) As the Lord lives – David made this vow in the name of the Lord who lives. The Lord here meaning the one provides health, prosperity and vitality to all those who obey Him.
   b) As the Lord lives – David wanted to convince Bathsheba that he was very serious.
   c) As the Lord lives – Actions convinces someone who has been hurt to trust.
   d) The Lord redeemed – The Lord takes ownership of His people by always being in the position to pay ransom for them when they are in distress.
   e) The Lord redeemed – The Lord has been faithful to David single handedly bringing him out of distressful circumstances.
   f) The Lord redeemed – All that the Lord has done for David creates a greater need for David to honor his pledge to God.
   g) Vowed by the Lord God - To pledge allegiance to God through an oath
Swearing was the giving of one’s word that he would faithfully perform a promised deed.

- An oath in the name of the LORD was the strongest oath a faithful Israelite would take (17:1). During the OT period, Israelites would use very strong language in oaths (Ruth 1:17).

h) Vowed by the Lord God - Since David made a pledged allegiance to the Lord God to make Solomon king he must endlessly work to institute this.

2. He will sit on my throne - Has a sense of permanence or lengthy period of time – David kept his word.
3. He will sit on my throne - Solomon will permanently sit on David’s throne and function as if he is David.
4. I will do; has done, act – David will endlessly work hard and has an ethical obligation to make Solomon king.
5. Bathsheba bowed - This root is used to emphasize devotion and thus occurs at especially crucial times.
6. Bow – Bathsheba by bowing demonstrating honor and respect for David keeping his word. She remained focused on the present for the future rather than the past.
7. Bow – David by keeping his word led Bathsheba to respect him as her husband.
8. Prostrated, worship – Bathsheba showed respect to David as if to say she still views him as king and as her husband. Despite her pain she still trusted and showed respect for God’s structure (1 Peter 3:1-6).
9. Prostrated, worship – Bathsheba’s devotion for her son, her commitment to deal with the present situation, focused on the future I am sure allowed David to remain focused on giving her respect.
10. As the Lord has been – David did not respond to Nathan, he responded to Bathsheba. The lack of bitterness not being displayed by Bathsheba kept David focused.
11. As the Lord has been – As the Lord has endlessly been with David so shall He be with Solomon.
12. Make his throne – Out of nowhere David prays that God make Solomon great – God listens.
13. Throne greater, greater, full-grown - The verb is used reflexively to show how God magnifies himself by means of his acts in nature and in history.
14. Throne greater, greater, full-grown – Damage done in a relationship does not mean it they will hate the kids.
15. Throne greater, greater, full-grown - God will cause Solomon’s throne to grow to considerably greater heights than David