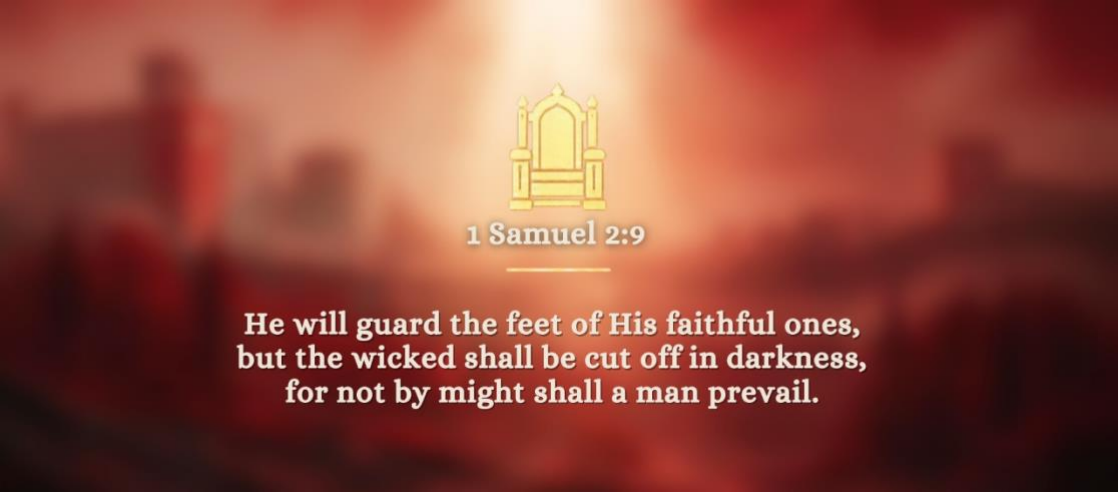



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**ENGLISH SERVICES** **8 NOV 2026**

## *Order of Service*

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs: Rejoice the Lord is King; I Will Trust My Saviour Jesus; Give us Clean Hands

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 3:1-25 (ESV)

Message: House David vs. House Saul

Response Song: Be Still, My Soul

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

## *Welcome*

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us! If you are new to Zion Bishan, do drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week:
**zionbishan.org.sg/rf**

## Sunday Services at a glance

**8.30am** Mandarin Service

**9.00am** Hokkien Service

**9.30am** Tamil Service

**8.30am/10.30am/4.30pm** English Service

**10.30am** Mandarin-English Service

**10.45am** Cantonese-Mandarin Service

**Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)**
**Bible Study Groups** – *to join via Zoom, register at **zionbishan.org.sg/dhf***

**8.45am DHF 1A** in English/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *In-person in Room 106 & Zoom*

**8.45am DHF 2** (in Myanmar language) *In-person in Room 105 & Zoom*

**2.30pm DHF 3** (in Bahasa Indonesia) *via Zoom*

**8.45pm DHF 1B** (in English/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *only upon request, via Zoom*

**Children/Youth Discipleship Classes**
Register interest: **zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd**

## Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:
**zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts**

## *Serving You Today*

***Speakers***:
Dr Quek Tze-Ming -- 8.30am & 10.30am
Ps Danny Chua -- 4.30pm

**8.30am**
*Service Coordinator*: Sharon Quek
*Worship Leader:* Eld Justin Low
*Vocalist & Musicians:* AM Music Team 2

**10.30am**
*Service Coordinator*: Dn Sam Ong
*Worship Leader:* Eld Tiew Chew Meng
*Vocalist & Musicians:* AM Music Team 2

**4.30pm**
*Service Coordinator:* John Wong
*Worship Leader:* Dn Junaidi Nyoto
*Vocalist & Musicians:* PM Music Team 2

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

*E-mail: user ID followed by @zionbishan.org.sg*

| | |
|---|---|
| Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor (10.30) | *alby* |
| Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor (4.30) | *dev* |
| Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand) | *jtlim* |
| Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng) | *daniel* |
| Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor (10.30) | *vernon* |
| Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor (8.30) | *zhiwen* |
| Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Mandarin) | *paul* |
| Rev Chris Rajendran, Pastor (Tamil) | *christopher* |
| Rev Danny Chua, Pastor (4.30) | *danny* |
| Preacher Choo Han Boo (Hokkien) | *hanboo* |
| Mrs Sha.ron Quek, Overseas Ministries | *sharon* |
| Dr Quek Tze-Ming, Ministry Staff | *tzeming* |
| Mrs Jacqueline Ong, Youth Ministry | *Jacqueline* |
| Mrs Vanessa Khoo, Women's Ministry | *vanessa* |
| Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship | *joel* |
| Mr Timothy Ong, Missions Education | *timothy* |
| Ms Elizabeth Hira, Children's Ministry/DHF | *hira* |
| Mrs Debbie Wong, Children's Ministry | *deborah* |
| Rev Dr David Wong, *Advisory Pastor* | |
| Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus* | |

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***care@zionbishan.org.sg***

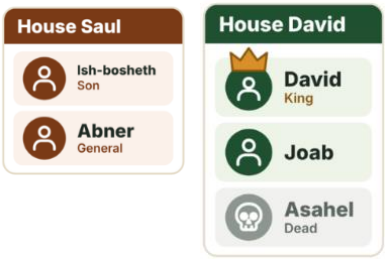
*Sermon Notes*

# House David vs. House Saul

Dr Quek Tze-Ming

2 Samuel 3-4

**Stronger and Weaker? (3:1)**




**David's Big (Strong?) Family (3:2-5)**

**Abner "Making Himself Strong" (3:6-21)**

**But Joab Is "Too Strong" (3:22-39)**

**Ish-Bosheth Murdered, Saul's House Weakened (4:1-12)**

**Conclusion: Strong and Weak**

> *God keeps his promise to give Israel a king, even if it is through a long, bloody mess, with people of unclean hands and dubious motives. But the shadows over David's house are lengthening …*

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What do you think of King David's behavior in 3:3-5? How does the narrator want us to view him at this point?
2. How does Abner's behavior in chapter 3 make you feel about his motives?
3. What strikes you about David's reaction towards (a) Abner's death and (b) Ish-bosheth's death? How does this connect with his view of the LORD as He "who has redeemed my life out of ever adversity" (4:9)?
4. *Reflect: When have you felt as though David's posture to "not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:21) is naïve and ineffective? What do you feel or do when you return peace for evil, but continue to be 'on the losing end'?*
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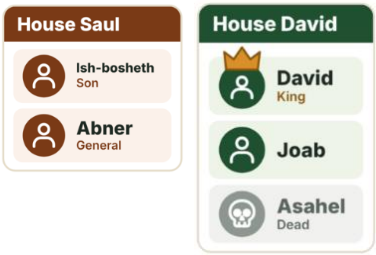
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# House David vs. House Saul

Ps Danny Chua

2 Samuel 3-4

**Recap: The House War (3:1)**




1. **Scene One: David's Many Wives & Sons (3:3-5)**

   *Green flag or red flag?*

2. **Scene Two: Abner "Making Himself Strong…"**

   *In House Saul (3:6-11): Stepping over Ish-bosheth*

   *In House David (3:12-21): Curry-favoring King David*

3. **Scene Three: Joab's Revenge on Abner (3:22-27)**

   *Joab executes vengeance on Abner – but where does this lead?*

4. **Scene Four: David's Lament for Abner (3:28-39)**

   *King David grieves over Saul's general, but fails to punish Joab's sin.*

5. **Scene Five: David Gives Justice for murdered Ish-bosheth (2 Sam 4)**

   *King David again rejects the wicked murder of another from House Saul.*

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## *Prayer Points*

# Our Church

**Men's Ministry –** As 55 of our brothers head off to JB for the annual MM retreat starting today (till Tuesday), may the Lord bless their time with feeding from His Word, and may His Spirit bind them together in His fellowship and through prayer.

**Christianity Explored (CE)** - Thank God for the 5 seekers who have journeyed with us through the course for the past 7 weeks. Pray for their next steps with our table hosts, that their hearts will be soft to how God is speaking to them. Pray that they will continue exploring and learning to receive Jesus as their Saviour and King, and find the opportunities to do so.

**ZBCS Leaders' Retreat** - Our Zion Bishan Chinese Services (ZBCS) Leaders' Retreat is happening this weekend (8-9 November) in Kukup, Johor Bahru. May the Lord grant the 12 ZBCS leaders a fruitful time together as Pastor Paul facilitates discussion on the future direction of ZBCS, that the Lord would grant wisdom, clarity, and a spirit of unity as the leaders seek His will together. Pray also for a sweet and meaningful time of fellowship among the leaders, that bonds would be strengthened and hearts knit together in love and purpose.

# Our World

**Nepal teams** - 4 people from both Tracks D (remote village visit) and Track B (youth and leaders equipping) had their flight rerouted back to Bangkok due to fog in Kathmandu. Thank God they have arrived safely and are proceeding with their planned itineraries in country. Pray for:

1) Healing for the couple on Track A (exploring gospel needs in remote T villages) as they are currently down with a cold.
2) Thank God for safe return of brother W and sister A on Track C (Special needs training) last week.
3) May God grow the faith of the youths and leaders as they spend time in God's word and in fellowship with the team on Track B (youth and leaders equipping).

## Last Week

| Sunday Service | Attendance | Offering |
|---|---|---|
| English Service Livestream* | 14 | |
| English Service 8.30am | 197 | $1,046.00 |
| English Service 10.30am | 529 | |
| English Service 4.30pm | 250 | |
| Chinese Service livestream* | 8 | |
| Chinese Service 8.30am | 90 | $1,875.00 |
| Cant/Mand Service 10.45am | 77 | $424.00 |
| Mand/English Service 10.30am | 71 | $832.00 |
| Hokkien Service | 53 | $1,797.00 |
| Tamil Service | 13 | $266.00 |
| DHF | 26 | |
| **TOTAL** | | **$6,240.00** |

*#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

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| Electronic Transfer | $58,934.40 |
| **32nd Anniversary Service** | |
| (418 adults, 31 children. Total: 449) | 9,177.00 |
| **Weekly Total** | **$74,351.40** |

*Weekly offering to meet budget for 2026/27: $91,095*

**GENERAL PROJECTS FUND**

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| Electronic Transfer | $6,369.52 |
| **Weekly Total** | **$6,369.52** |
| **Total expenses as of To-date** | **-$2,404,728.71** |
| **Total General Projects Fund** | **$3,932,675.96** |

## Church Family News

1. Our deepest condolences to Elder Tay Beng Hwee and Veronica & family on the Homegoing of Veronica's mother, the late Mdm Tay Ai Lan, aged 83, on 2 Nov 2026. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.
2. Ps Zhiwen is speaking at Hebron BP Church this morning. He will be in Nepal 9 - 15 Nov.
3. Congratulations to Benjamin Tan & Deborah Koh on their wedding on 31 Oct 2026. May God bless their union in holy matrimony!
4. Congratulations to Matthew Chee & Chia Ning on their wedding on 7 Nov 2026. May God bless their union in holy matrimony!

## Info for Giving

**For tithes and offering:**

**General & Missions Fund**

DBS Current A/C: **070-901056-3**
PayNow: **T10SS0029GGMF**
**ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH**

**To give towards the**

**General Projects Fund**

DBS Current A/C: **070-901055-5**
PayNow: **T10SS0029GGPF**
**ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF**

*Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque*

## *Looking Ahead*

**Fri, 13 Nov**
**Prayer Meeting**: 8.00pm
*Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm*

**Sat, 14 Nov**
**Youth Fellowship:** 4.00pm
*Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf*

**Sun, 15 Nov**
**Worship Services:**
8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm

**1-2 Samuel**

**15 Nov -- King David & The Ark**
*Ps Vernon Quek -- 8.30 & 10.30am*
*Ps Dev Menon -- 4.30pm*

**22 Nov -- After a Year in Samuel...**
*Ps Danny Chua*

**God with Us: Christmas Changes Everything**

**29 Nov -- Sent into the Harvest**
*Ps Ng Zhiwen*

**06 Dec -- Isn't Christmas Ancient History?**
*Ps Vernon Quek -- 8.30 & 10.30am*
*Ernest Kay -- 4.30pm*

**13 Dec -- Why do I need Christmas?**
*Ps Alby Yip*

## *Connect With Us*

Thank you for joining us today!

Should you be interested to find out more about Jesus, indicate your response at **bit.ly/ZBinterest** and we will put someone in touch with you as soon as possible!

Ps Ng Zhiwen

## A JOURNEY OF REST

In June this year, I wrote a reflection on The Year of Rest (https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/2026/06/mid-year-reflections-in-the-year-of-rest/)

Since then, I've asked myself how I've grown in my understanding and experience of God's rest.

Through our journey in the book of Samuel, one of the profoundest lessons for me has been that of learning not to grasp for things.

I saw how people like Saul, Abner and Joab, tried to take things into their own hands, and they schemed and manipulated situations to advance themselves. That is the restless way of the world, and it does not reflect God's way for His people.

David on the other hand learned to rest in the One who had anointed him, and to make the LORD his refuge. What a lesson in rest.

I've shared with some of you that during the journey leading up to the Antioch Summit missions conference in early October, my team and I had to grapple with various major challenges. We felt broken and beaten down.

We spoke often about making our way to the Summit 'on our knees', by which we meant being in a spirit of constant prayerfulness. We didn't just perceive this, we had to live it.

As I look back, I must say that it was truly the LORD who carried us through. I've come to realize that this is how the LORD often works. He lets us undergo seasons of weakness and brokenness, in order that we learn not to rely on our own strength and wisdom, but that His power may "rest on us" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

As we become broken vessels, we may also be monuments to His grace. And He becomes glorified in us.

And so, this has truly been a Year of Rest.

I want to take this opportunity to share that I will be concluding this year of rest with a **sabbatical break** for the month of December. Session has kindly blessed this proposal, and I am thankful. You won't see me much in December as I withdraw from ministry engagements including on Sundays.

I hope that you too will end this year *restfully* in the LORD.

# *Announcements*

## Ministry Behind the Money

There will be a forum for ZB members to dialogue and pray on the church's budget for 2027 / 2028 will be held on **Sun, 22 Nov, 1 - 3pm** at the **Chapel**. Registration not required.

To learn more about specific ministries and their draft budgets, visit **www.zionbishan.org.sg/mbtm2026** (Password will be shared separately).

## Do You Know the Christmas Story?
A Ladies' Christmas Gathering by WOZ

Christmas is around the corner! Beyond the lights, presents, and festive music, how much do we really know about the true purpose of Christmas? Invite a friend along to hear the Gospel story.

Join us for a cozy evening of warm fellowship, Christmas carols, a short dramatic reading and homily, and a delicious festive feast as we unpack the true heart of the season together.

🗓 Date: **Saturday, 12 Dec**
⏰ Time: **5 - 8pm**
📍 Location: **18 Barker Road**

Sign up with **Lydia @83383982** by **15 Nov.**

## Tuition Ministry

Looking for members and regular worshippers who are willing to serve as tutors. This is a meaningful outreach opportunity to children and youths. You will provide tuition for Primary or Secondary school students, and sessions are held in church every **Thursday from 7pm to 9pm** during the school term.

If you feel led to serve, or would like to find out more, please contact **Dns Li Hwee** at **96727467.**

## Church Camp 2027: Praying with Our King

Grief and Hope. Despair or Joy. King David's Psalms give us honest songs to sing along before our God. Let us draw near to Him in truth - whether in the desert or by fresh streams - through the "prayer book of the Church".

Dates: **11-14 June 2027**
Venue: **Four Points by Sheraton Desaru**
Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Ben Thompson (ETCAsia)**

Early bird registration until 31 Dec - sign up now! **https://bit.ly/ZBCamp2027**

## Seniors Retreat 2027

*"I have made you and I will carry you."*
— Isaiah 46:4

Theme: **Held in His Hands**
Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Forest Koh Nam Seng**
Date: **9 - 13 Apr 2027** (5 Days, 4 Nights)
Destination: **Phu Quoc, Vietnam**

60 slots available.

Please register by **10 Nov**:
**https://forms.gle/hi6V1T3xXt7rZJiq7**

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