BACK ON THE THRONE, BACK IN TROUBLE

2 Samuel 19:8b–20:26

David is finally returning to Jerusalem. His kingdom is being restored, but his troubles are far from over. As old loyalties are tested, new divisions emerge, and another rebellion threatens the kingdom, even those who claim to serve David endanger the very people they ought to protect. Yet amid the selfish ambition, political maneuvering, and violence, an unlikely voice of wisdom reminds everyone of something essential: Israel is not ultimately David's possession, but the Lord's inheritance. God remains faithful to his promises despite the failures of those entrusted with his people. The same danger persists wherever personal ambition, divided loyalties, and the desire to have one's own way take precedence over the welfare of God's people. The church belongs to Jesus Christ, who purchased it with his own blood. Those who *serve* him must faithfully protect what *belongs* to him.

A King Restored 19:8b–15

A Kingdom Divided 19:16–20:2

A Kingdom Endangered 20:3–13

An Inheritance Preserved 20:14–26

Protect What Belongs to the King!