

2 Sam 7:3

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A lot of people will hunt and choose scriptures for themselves. What they do is when they have a question or a problem they will pray to the Lord asking for direction. After they do this, they will pick up the bible and open it up looking for a verse to give them an answer. The only problem with looking for a single verse, is that you can take it out of context of what the Lord is really saying. Take today's devotional verse for example.

† *Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."*

Sounds like a cool verse if you are seeking direction from the Lord, say in a job, or a spouse, or a home or whatever. But if you read this verse in the context of the chapter, you would soon find out that Nathan the prophet was incorrect in what he just told king David.

You see, what was going on here is that David wanted to build a temple for the Lord, and it sounded like a good idea to Nathan so he just said to go ahead and do it, but Nathan didn't seek the Lord's counsel before he spoke for the Lord. Later that night the Lord spoke to Nathan and told him that David would not build a temple for Him, but rather David's son would.

† *2 Sam 7:12-13 When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

So taking today's devotional verse in its context I don't think that you would want to use it as an answer from the Lord as far as direction is concerned.

It's not that it's wrong to seek the Lord and His word for answers, but God will not twist His word to fit our needs and we shouldn't try to twist God's word to fit our needs.

When we do that, we become like the cults, and then we won't truly hear from the Lord at all.

† *Matthew 7:8-11 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*