I. The theological summary of David’s story to date (Chapt. 1 – 12) is conveyed in one word: Grace.

A. Grace combines the two concepts of Justice and Mercy, as seen in Psalms 32 and 50.

B. Grace makes sure the Penalty of sin is paid.

C. Grace makes sure the Power of cancelled sin is broken.

D. Grace promises that the Presence of sin will ultimately be removed.

E. Grace does not erase the Consequences of sin, which remain.

II. Practical Theology for Living (PTL) embraces the consequences of sin.

A. Saving Grace provides sustaining grace.

B. Sustaining Grace is the storyline of the remainder of 2 Samuel (13ff)

III. Practical Theology for Living includes the theology of love.

A. PTL teaches us how to spell love as seen in chapter 13 ff.

1. The sad story of Absalom and Tamar tell a sordid “love” story.

B. PTL teaches us the consequences of spiritual misspelling.

IV. PTL includes the theology of trust and mistrust.

A. PTL teaches the consequences of misplaced trust.

B. PTL reveals the pain of broken relationships.

C. “O Absalom, my son, my son!”

1. The Prodigal Son parable is a lesson for us all.

**Amazing Grace**

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| **1**. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  That saved a wretch like me!  I once was lost, but now am found;  Was blind, but now I see.  **2.** ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  And grace my fears relieved;  How precious did that grace appear  The hour I first believed.  **3.** Through many dangers, toils and snares,  I have already come;  ‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  And grace will lead me home. | **4.** The Lord has promised good to me,  His Word my hope secures;  He will my Shield and Portion be,  As long as life endures.  **5.** Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  And mortal life shall cease,  I shall possess, within the veil,  A life of joy and peace.  **6.** When we’ve been there ten thousand years  Bright shining as the sun,  We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  Than when we’d first begun. |