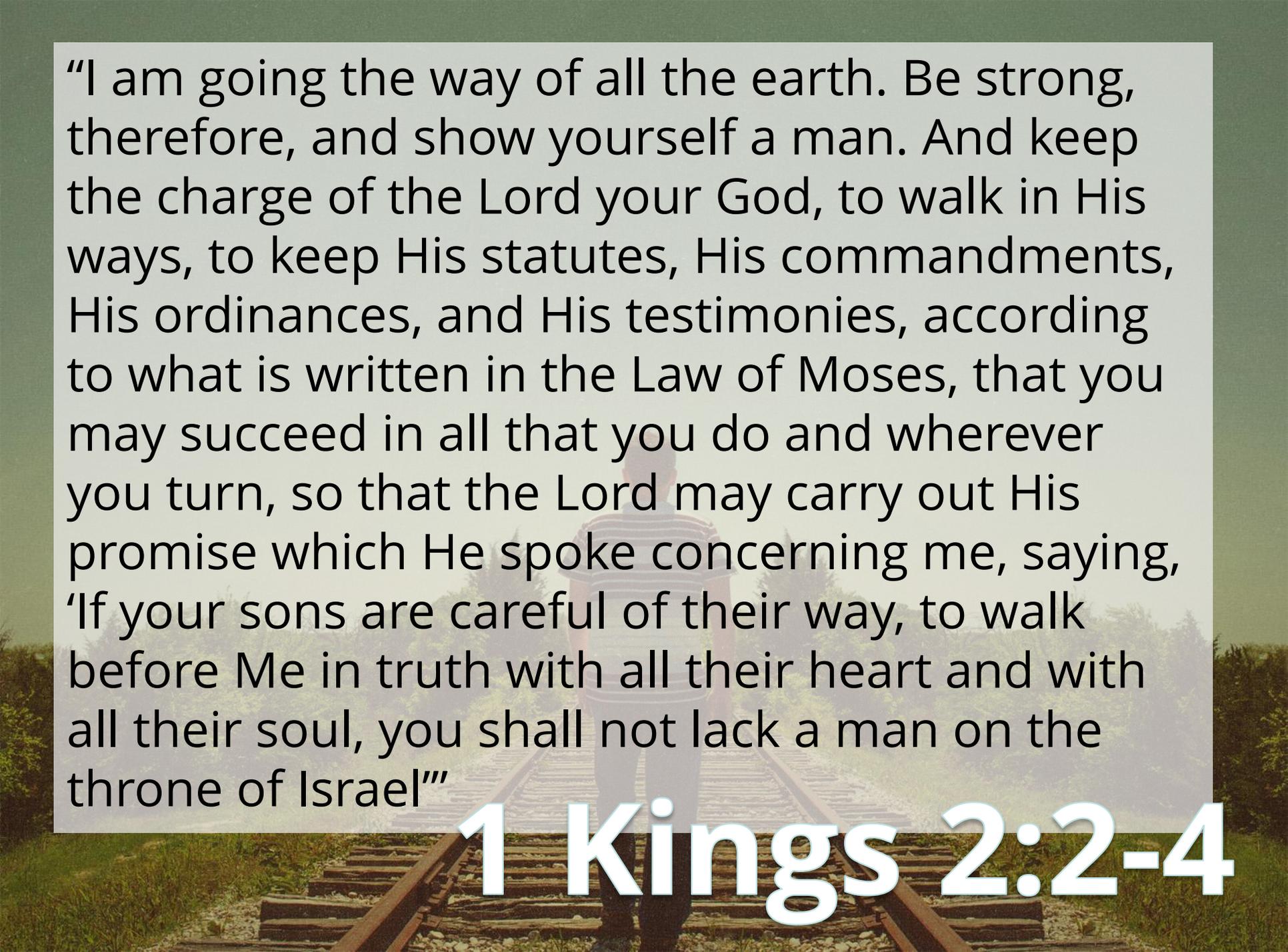


“Show Yourself A Man”



A person is walking away from the camera on a railway track that stretches into the distance. The track is flanked by green grass and trees, creating a sense of a path through nature. The person is wearing a striped shirt and dark pants. The background is slightly hazy, suggesting a misty or early morning atmosphere.

“I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man. And keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn, so that the Lord may carry out His promise which He spoke concerning me, saying, ‘If your sons are careful of their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel’”

1 Kings 2:2-4

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The Philistines

- The story of 1 Samuel 4 might have been one heard by David during his youth. It provides a very memorable contrast between the “manliness” of the Philistines and Israelites.
- “Take courage and be men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves of the Hebrews, as they have been slaves to you; therefore, be men and fight” (4:9).



“Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong”

1 Corinthians 16:13



The Manliest Man

- 1 Samuel 17
- Even though Goliath exudes everything stereotypically “manly”, he is outdone by the tender-hearted shepherd who reflects a more realistic and godly model of manliness.
- “You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted” (17:45).

True Manliness Is Contagious

1 Samuel 22:2

A man in a striped shirt and dark pants stands with his back to the camera on a railway track. The track recedes into the distance, flanked by green bushes and trees under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

True Manliness Doesn't Fit Society's Mold



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- His grief when he had an affair with Bathsheba (**Psalm 51**).
 - His love of music and poetry, with God as the center of his artistic pursuits.
 - His deep, emotional attachment to other men (**1 Samuel 18:1-3, 20:41**).
 - His sensitivity to other people's pain, and his honesty about his own.
 - His devotion to prayer and meditation (**Psalm 4:4, 63:6-8**).
 - His devotion to God's law (**Psalm 19:7ff**).
 - His zeal for the public worship of God.
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