

David, Shepherd and King
#15 David's Becomes King - 2 Samuel 2-5
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1. David Sought the Lord (2:1-4)

He Did Not Presume Upon God

What do you do when you don't know what to do?

- **David asked for _____ direction**

David wanted God's confirmation of what was in his heart, Psalm 145:18.

We Need Daily Seeking for _____ Direction

- **David asked for _____ instruction**

When we need wisdom or direction we need to call upon the Lord. This is especially true in certain situations, Jeremiah 33:3. Hebron was a great location for David. It was a Levitical city as well as a city of refuge.

We Need Special Seeking for _____ Decisions

- **David received God's _____ blessing**

David was learning to wait upon God, Psalm 62:5. During these years God prepared both David and Israel for the coming united kingdom. Before David could reign over Israel God would have to reign over him.

Waiting Time Is not _____ Time

2. David Struggled with Abner (2:8-3:39)

The Commander of Saul's Army

Abner was also Saul's nephew.

- **Abner was motivated by selfish _____**

Abner refused to submit to God's anointed King, (8-11). Ironically it was Abner who brought David to Saul after the defeat of Goliath, 1 Samuel 17:57. Yet Abner had led the pursuit of David in the wilderness. Ishbosheth appears to be a weak person. His name actually means "man of shame". His real name was Esh-baal which means "fire of Baal", 1 Chron. 8:33. Abner certainly was the real power behind the throne (3:6).

One man's willful heart plunged the entire nation into civil war. Ecclesiastes 9:18, "one sinner destroys much good."

The same is true today when carnal Christians follow their own self-interests instead of God's will. James 4:1, "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?"

David displayed great wisdom and did not personally intervene. He allowed Joab, the commander of his army, to lead his forces in the civil war. David waited for God to clear the way for him to take the throne. It took 7 1/2 years.

David Was not Discouraged by the Willful Actions of Others but Trusted in the _____ of God

- **God _____ Abner's rebellion**

David had no control over these circumstances. He responded to _____ them with prayer, patience and faith in God's Word. Abner had a falling out with Ishbosheth. He went to David to "transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan to Beersheba" (3:10).

In the end Abner was murdered by Joab in revenge for his brother Ashael whom Abner had killed in battle (3:27-30). Ishbosheth had only reigned for two years and was murdered while lying on his bed, chapter 4. David was innocent of the blood of both of these men,

Romans 12:19. David displayed a calm assurance in the midst of crushing circumstances. During the events of chapters 2-5 David wrote Psalm 27.

Always Remember that God's Delays Are not God's _____

3. David Struggled with David (5:1-25)

Obedience Brings Blessing

David entered a period of prolonged blessing.

- **David became king over _____**

When David sought the Lord, the elders sought David (1-4). David partnered with God in ruling over the nation, Psalm 78:70-72. David understood that the Lord God had placed the kingdom in his hands. David the shepherd boy became the shepherd of the nation (12).

David Recognized that He Was an _____

- **David captured _____ and made it his capital**

For over 400 years the Jebusite stronghold of Zion had stood defiant in Israel. David chose this city for practical reasons. It was centrally located and defensible. God's sovereignty chose Jerusalem, 2 Chronicles 12:13.

David Was In the Place of God's Blessing and the _____ of His Will

- **David decisively defeated the _____**

They come to test this new king their former ally. Twice David "inquired of the LORD" (19 & 23) seeking His direction. David drove them back, recapturing the cities and territories lost by Saul.

Prosperity and Position Can Be _____

David's life, like our lives, was a mixture of obedience and willfulness. James 3:2, "For we all stumble in many things."

David had walked by faith and seen God's blessing upon his life.

There was an area of his life that David did not surrender to the Lord.

- **David _____ God's Word (13)**

This was a direct violation of Deuteronomy 17:15-17. Many of these wives were marriage alliances to strengthen his kingdom. This was a common practice in those cultures. None of the sons mentioned became known for their virtue. Many became known for their sins. David brought jealousy, immorality, hatred and murder into his home life.

Expediency and _____ Will Bring David Untold Sorrow