



LESSONS FROM A KING  
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# When Your DREAMS Don't Come True

1 Samuel 7 and 1 Chronicles 27

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## A. A Word About Dreams

We are such stuff as dreams are made on. - Shakespeare

For as [a man] thinks in his heart, so is he. - Proverbs 23:7, NKJV

- Many people have had dreams that have been fulfilled.
- Many people had dreams that they didn't see fulfilled.
- Every one of us has dreams—I hope.
- Some of you may be too exhausted to have a dream.
- Some of us are too hurt by unfulfilled dreams to have more dreams. *Don't do that!*
- David had a dream, but one of his biggest dreams did not come true.

## B. A Word About David's Dream

### 1. David had a dream.

2 Samuel 7:1–3, NASB95 -<sup>1</sup> Now it came about when the king lived in his house, and the LORD had given him rest on every side from all his enemies, <sup>2</sup> that the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within tent curtains.” <sup>3</sup> Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your mind, for the LORD is with you.”

David was finally at rest. • He lived in a great house—the Ark was in a tent.

David had a dream to build the temple. • Nathan cheered him on.

### 2. David's Dream Did Not Come True.

2 Samuel 7:4–7, NLT -<sup>4</sup> But that same night the LORD said to Nathan, <sup>5</sup> “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD has declared: Are you the one to build a house for me to live in? <sup>6</sup> I have never lived in a house, from the day I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until this very day. I have always moved from one place to another with a tent and a Tabernacle as my dwelling.’ <sup>7</sup> Yet no matter where I have gone with the Israelites, I have never once complained to Israel’s tribal leaders, the shepherds of my people Israel. I have never asked them, “Why haven’t you built me a beautiful cedar house?”

God spoke to Nathan the Prophet about David's dream.

God said, “David, you’re not the one to build my house.”

God said, “I always [lived]...in a tent.”

God said, “I’ve never asked you to build me a house of cedar.”

POINT: God basically said, “David, this dream will not come true.”

## C. When Dreams Don't Come True

### 1. Remember what you have without the dream.

1 Chronicles 17:16–18, NLT -<sup>16</sup> Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and prayed, “Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? <sup>17</sup> And now, O God, in addition to everything else, you speak of giving your servant a lasting dynasty! You speak as though I were someone very great, O LORD God! <sup>18</sup> “What more can I say to you about the way you have honored me?....”

### 2. Resolve to keep dreaming. (1 Chronicles 22:8-11)

### 3. Resist harsh self-examination.

1 Chronicles 17:12, NLT -<sup>12</sup> He [Solomon] is the one who will build a house—a temple—for me. And I will secure his throne forever.

### 4. Redirect your energies to something or someone else.

1 Chronicles 29:1–2, NLT -<sup>1</sup> Then King David turned to the entire assembly and said, “My son Solomon, whom God has clearly chosen as the next king of Israel, is still young and inexperienced. The work ahead of him is enormous, for the Temple he will build is not for mere mortals—it is for the LORD God himself! <sup>2</sup> Using every resource at my command, I have gathered as much as I could for building the Temple of my God. Now there is enough gold, silver....”