

# David: Life Lessons

Week 5 – Seeing God’s Purpose  
(2 Samuel 5:1-12)

## OPENING QUESTION

When God entrusts something to you, do you see only the gift, or do you also see it as an opportunity to **serve God’s purposes and bless others**?

## KEY VERSE

*“Then David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.” -2 Samuel 5:12*

## THE STORY UNFOLDS

1. All Israel recognizes **David as a shepherd and ruler**.  
(2 Samuel 5:1-2)

“Here we are, your own flesh and blood.”

“You will **shepherd my people**.”

**Life Lesson:** God often prepares His servants long before **others recognize His work**.

2. The elders covenant **with David before the LORD**.  
(2 Samuel 5:3)

**Life lesson:** God's people **find unity under God's rule**.

3. David receives the kingdom **after years of preparation**.  
(2 Samuel 5:4-5)

The years were not empty; God was **preparing David for greater responsibility**.

**Life Lesson:** God's preparation is often about more than where He is taking us. It is about **how He intends to use us**.

4. David **captures Jerusalem; the kingdom unites**. (2 Samuel 5:6-9)

Jerusalem becomes **the city of David**.

**Life Lesson:** What seems impossible cannot **stop God from advancing His purpose**.

## 5. David sees God's purpose. (2 Samuel 5:10-12)

David knew the LORD had established his rule for the sake of God's people.

*Life Lesson:* What God entrusts to us is not merely for our benefit but for His purposes and the good of others.

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### THE MAIN IDEA

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#### What is true?

God works through the lives of His people to accomplish purposes larger than their personal success. The Lord did not bring David out of the wilderness so David could enjoy a palace. He established David so Israel would have a shepherd, the nation would be united, and God's larger redemptive purpose would move forward.

#### What should we do?

Recognize God's purposes, submit every blessing to His rule, and use what He entrusts to us for the Good of others.

That is the lesson David learned when he reached the throne. God's promises are not merely about what we receive. They are also about what He intends to accomplish through what He gives.

#### Main Idea:

Because God works through His people to accomplish His purposes, we must humbly use everything He entrusts to us for His glory and the good of others.

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### GOSPEL CONNECTION

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King David was established for the sake of God's people. The immediate purpose is Israel's good, but David's kingdom serves God's broader redemptive plan. Through David would come the Davidic covenant, the promised Messiah, and ultimately Jesus Christ. And it was Jesus, the greater Son of David, who came for the greatest sake of God's people—laying down His life as the Good Shepherd, establishing an everlasting kingdom, and accomplishing God's saving purposes through His death and resurrection.

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### APPLICATION

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1. Be faithful before you are recognized. David was serving, leading, and protecting Israel before the nation acknowledged him as king. Don't wait for a title, position, praise, or a better opening before doing the good God has placed in front of you.
2. Serve people; do not use them. Treat people as those entrusted to your care, not as tools for your success, comfort, or reputation.
3. Hold every blessing with humility. Remember that every ability, opportunity, resource, and position comes from the Lord and should be used under His authority.