

Lesson Title: King David**Scripture Focus:** I Samuel 24:4-6**The Lesson in Context**

David was considered a youth when he was anointed, and he was thirty when he began to reign; approximately fifteen years passed as David waited for God to fulfill His word. There is often a waiting process between the pronouncement of a divine promise and the performance of it. God's children must learn the art found in Psalm 27:14: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

God has a purpose for each of us, and it will come to pass as long as we walk in submission to Him. However, a facet of that submission is trusting God's timing is perfect. Even "explosions" have a purpose for the citizens of Heaven. It may seem like a tragedy, but God can work good from it. Only in retrospect can we look back at painful moments and see how the plan of God allowed events to occur when they did. History is perhaps one of the greatest witnesses of God's providence.

Group Discussion

1. Why is it so hard to wait on God's timing sometimes? How can we better learn to wait?
2. What do you think God was working in David during his long wait? What is God working in you while you wait on His timing?
3. If you have ever tried to force God's timing, how did it turn out?
4. How can we follow God-ordained spiritual leadership and remember every leader is also human?
5. What are you still waiting for God to bring to pass?

My Prayer for the Upcoming Week

How do you want to be different because of what you have experienced today?
