

# How to Transition Well

2 Samuel 1

## I. He Paid Homage

[2 Samuel 1:11](#) “11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him:”

**He Rent His Clothes-** [2 Samuel 1:11](#) “11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him:”

**He Fasted-** [2 Samuel 1:12](#) “12 And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the Lord, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.”

**He Lamented-** [2 Samuel 1:17](#) “17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son:”

“DAVID REFUSES TO RUN FORWARD WITHOUT REFLECTING BACKWARD”

[2 Samuel 1:23](#) “23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, And in their death they were not divided: They were swifter than eagles, They were stronger than lions.”

[Hebrews 12:1](#) “1 **Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,”

- A. THERE ARE THOSE WHO INSPIRE
- B. THERE IS THAT WHICH IS REQUIRED
- C. THERE IS THE ONE TO WHOM WE ASPIRE

[Hebrews 12:1-2](#) “1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and **let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;** who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

## II. HE SET BOUNDARIES

[2 Samuel 1:14](#) “14 And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the Lord’s anointed?”

[Daniel 1:8](#) “8 **But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank:** therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.”

[Job 31:1](#) “1 I made a covenant with mine eyes; Why then should I think upon a maid?”

[Psalm 101:3](#) “3 **I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:** I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.”

### III. HE MOVES CAUTIOUSLY

[2 Samuel 1:12](#) “12 And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the Lord, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.”

David had:

#### A. TRUE PERSPECTIVE

[2 Samuel 1:5](#) “5 And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead?”

“Many people seek VINDICATION without VERIFICATION”

#### B. TIME TO PROCESS

[2 Samuel 1:12](#) “12 And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the Lord, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.”

“IF THE ANSWER IS NOW THE ANSWER IS NO”

#### C. TRUE PRINCIPLES

[2 Samuel 1:14](#) “14 And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the Lord’s anointed?”

#### D. TRUSTED PEOPLE

[2 Samuel 1:15](#) “15 And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died.”

#### 5 People You Must Have in Your Life:

1. LOVING LEADERS
2. FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS
3. BURDEN BEARERS
4. PRAYING PARTNERS
5. GOOD GOD

