



Flourishing in life's highs and lows

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A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART

1,2 Samuel (reflections)

Come to me with your **ears wide open**. Listen, and you will find life.
(Isaiah 55:3, NLT)

I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the **unfailing love** I promised to **David**. See how I used him to **display my power** among the peoples.

(Isaiah 55:4a, NLT)

1. Remember **who I am**

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The principle of **identification**

And the Lord said, “This is the one;
anoint him.”

(1 Samuel 16:12b, NLT)

David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I **come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty...**”

(1 Samuel 17:45, NLT)

Show me the wonders of your great
love ...Keep me as **the apple of
your eye**....

(Psalm 17:7,8, NLT)

He shows **unfailing kindness** to his **anointed**, to David and his descendants forever.

(2 Samuel 22:51, NLT)

For we know, brothers and sisters
loved by God, that **he has chosen
you....**

(1 Thessalonians 1:4, NLT)

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The principle of **redemption**

Troubles are not a sign you
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Failure is not a sign you are
out of God's **grace**

Even when bad things
happen to you....

Even when you do
bad things....

God still loves you.

“Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied...

“You’re only a boy.”

(1 Samuel 17:33, NLT)

Saul hurled his spear at David.

(1 Samuel 19:10a, NLT)

Saul hunted him **day after day**...

(1 Samuel 23:14b, NLT)

David's own men ...began to talk of stoning him.

(1 Samuel 30:6, NLT)

The war lasted a **long time**....
(2 Samuel 3:1, NLT)

David said, “**My own son** is trying to
kill me...”

(2 Samuel 16:11, NLT)

There was a famine for **three
successive years....**

(2 Samuel 21:1, NLT)

Once again there was a battle
between the Philistines and Israel...
(2 Samuel 21:15, NLT)

God **still** has a plan for you!

Though a righteous man falls
seven times, he rises again...

(Proverbs 24:16, NLT)

Restore to me the joy of your
salvation and grant me a willing
spirit, to sustain me.

(Psalm 51:12, NLT)

“Be strong and courageous, and do the work. **Don't be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you.** He will not fail you or forsake you. He will see to it that all the work related to the Temple of the Lord is finished correctly.”

(1 Chronicles 28:20, NLT)

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone — especially to those in the family of faith.

(Galatians 6:9, 10, NLT)

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The principle of **expectation**

“The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear **will** rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

(1 Samuel 17:37, NLT)

I trust in God, so **why should I be afraid?** What can mere mortals do to me?

(Psalm 56:11, NLT)

Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid, for **you are close beside me.**

(Psalm 23:4, NLT)

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What are you **expecting**
God to do in your life?

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The Bottom Line:

**Trust in God's
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