

Week #4: Kings Stage 2026

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Good evening, Arising Church! Tonight is the fourth and final installment of the Perfecting our Parenting series.

Let us take you through a very brief summation of what we have been gleaning from the Scriptural precedent as it relates to how God parented His own firstborn son, Israel!

MOSES STAGE:
AGES 0-5 —————
INCLINE THEIR HEARTS

-  DISCIPLINE SHOULD BE IMMEDIATE, EXTERNAL, & IMPACTFUL
-  NO FREEDOMS
-  GOAL IS OBEDIENCE & RESPECT IN YOUR CHILDREN
-  REQUIRES CONVICTIONS & CONSISTENCY

During the Moses stage, ages 0–5, the primary goal is to incline the hearts of your children toward obedience and respect. At this age, discipline should be immediate, external, and impactful.

This is not a stage for broad freedoms or endless negotiation. The goal is not merely behavior modification, but establishing a foundation of obedience and responsiveness to authority.

Because of this, parenting in this stage requires deep convictions and unwavering consistency. If boundaries constantly move, children learn instability instead of trust. In this stage, the parent functions like Moses before Israel—bringing clear instruction, immediate correction, structure, and direction to a people who are not yet mature enough to govern themselves.”

We parents, as always, will be faith filled and full of resolve!

NICK


This foundation is built on in the next stage: Joshua.

A graphic slide for the 'Joshua Stage' of parenting. The background is a dramatic landscape with a castle on a hill under a sunset sky. A large flag with a lion's head emblem flies on the right. The text is overlaid on the left side.

JOSHUA STAGE:

AGES 6-10

WARNING THE SOUL

-  WARNING THE SOUL
-  DISCIPLINE IS A MIXTURE OF EXTERNAL & INTERNAL
-  LIMITED FREEDOMS
-  REWARDS FOR SUCCESS
-  GOAL IS TO HAVE YOUR CHILDREN IDENTIFY AND BEGIN TO CONQUER THEIR LAND W/ JOY & TRUST
-  REQUIRES STRENGTH & COURAGE

During the Joshua stage, ages 6–10 you are warning their soul. This is a season where their discipline is going to be a mixture of external and internal consequences. Their freedoms are limited rather than none. You are introducing rewards for their successes and your goal for them is to identify and begin to conquer battles in their own lives. Remember this is where you are helping set the battle up, positioning them for success and letting them fight and learn how to win. This requires strength and courage on your part.

Take a look at this supplemental slide:

JOSHUA STAGE:

AGES 6-10

WARNING THE SOUL



ABSOLUTE JOY & ABSOLUTE TRUST



IDENTIFY THEIR OWN WEAKNESSES AND
BEGIN THE PROCESS OF CONQUERING THEIR LAND



LEARN THE JOY OF ACHIEVEMENT



CURSES/BLESSINGS DERIVED FROM THE WORD

Parents as you are full of strength and courage with your 6-10 year olds you are helping them begin to conquer their promised land. This is where the obedience and respect you invested in them begins to be applied in their lives and your young ones begin to learn the joy of achievement as they trust you. You'll help them identify where they are weak and they will fight to overcome. They will feel the joy of achievement and as you connect it all to the word the concept of curses for disobedience and blessings for obedience will become very tangible for them.

MARK

This brings us to the Judges Stage.



JUDGES STAGE:

AGES 11-14

WARN THEIR SOULS
(WITH THEIR FLESH IN FULL EFFECT)

-  MORE FREEDOM THAN RESTRICTION
-  CHARACTERIZED BY NOT ELIMINATING CONSEQUENCE FROM CHOICES MADE
-  MORE INTERNAL THAN EXTERNAL
-  ALLOWING THEM TO EAT THE FRUIT OF THEIR LABOR



We learned about the cycle of the Judges. In this stage, your almost—adults will repeatedly go through this cycle of rebellion—reckoning—repentance—and finally restoration.

This stage is characterized by more freedom than restriction. Not saving them from the consequences of the choices that they make and partnering with God so that the discipline becomes more internal than external. As they eat the fruit of their labor they will learn to connect what is happening externally with what's going on in their hearts.

This difficult time is aimed at taking your children from merely mimicking your faith to actually developing their own dependance and relationship with the Lord.

BEN

This ultimately brings us to tonight, the Kings Stage.

KINGS STAGE: AGES 15+ —————



SINFULNESS OF SAUL TO DIVINE
NATURE OF DAVID



ALL DISCIPLINE IS INTERNAL



LIFE IS FULLY THEIR OWN
• EXCEPT FOR SIN THAT LEADS TO DEATH



PARENT BECOME INTERVENTIONAL PROPHET



YOUR CHILD IS NOW AN ADULT, JUST
AN IMMATURE ONE



We will watch them go from the sinfulness of Saul to the divine nature of David. All of their discipline at this point is internal. Their relationship with the Lord and the conviction of the Holy Spirit will establish a holy fear that will guide them. Their life is fully their own except for sin that leads to death. As parents, you become an interventional prophet because your child is now an adult, they are just an immature one :)

The skills you have taught them, they must now master...and the failures will happen under the safety of your family banner.

Before we begin we would like to lay out for you an overview of this stage.

Video

[Hogan Is My Grandfather](#)

Start at 2:27 - End at 4:52



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During the Kings stage, children are stepping into adult responsibilities both inside and outside the home. This is the season where they begin learning how to carry the weight of real life—driving, working, paying bills, tithing, serving others, managing responsibilities, and learning what it means to function as a mature man or woman. In this stage, the role of the parent begins shifting from enforcer to counselor. Rather than constantly controlling behavior, parents now bring wisdom, guidance, warning, and the Word of God to bear upon the decisions their children must increasingly make for themselves. This stage often reveals both the culmination of what has been built well over the years and the areas that still need growth, healing, correction, and maturity. What was planted in earlier stages now begins to bear visible fruit. Ultimately, this is crowning time—a season where parents begin recognizing, affirming, and calling forth adulthood, responsibility, character, and purpose in their children as they prepare to stand on their own before God and the world.

Crowning time...olive tree growth:

Psalm 52:8 (NIV)

8 But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.

- We want to show you what an olive tree that has flourished looks like...





This is an Olive Grove.

Healthy olive trees do not merely survive for themselves—they multiply, strengthen the grove, and create blessing for future generations.



Bringing you to the Kings Stage... the crowning achievement of your parenting and of the propagation of your generations, the season where years of faithful parenting begin bearing visible fruit in mature sons and daughters.

Image of a Seed - Moses Stage



In the Moses Stage, the seed is planted through structure, discipline, obedience, and the careful inclining of a child's heart toward truth.

Image of an Olive shoot - Joshua Stage



In the Joshua Stage, new life begins reaching upward as children start learning courage, trust, responsibility, and the joy of overcoming.

Display the Sapling - Judges



In the Judges Stage, the sapling gains height and strength, beginning to bear early fruit while learning through both freedom and consequence.

Image of a Matured Tree - bearing much fruit over the course of generations



In the Kings Stage, the mature tree stands strong and fruitful—providing shade, stability, wisdom, and fruit that continues blessing generations after it.

BRENDA

Proverbs 17:6 (NIV)

6 Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.

MARK

As we look at the historical, Biblical account of Israel as they transitioned from the time of the Judges and entered the time of the Kings, we will cultivate a harvest of perfecting our parenting as we look at how God was parenting His firstborn nation in 1 Samuel.

BRENDA

1 Sam 8:1

When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as judges for Israel. 2 The name of his firstborn was Joel (YHWH is God) and the name of his second was Abijah (My Father is God), and they served at Beersheba (well of the seven; well of the oath established in Abraham's day). 3 But **his sons did not walk in his ways**. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

MARK

They seemed to have been named the right names and serving at the right place, yet something essential was missing. Though they carried names that testified about God and ministered in a place connected to covenant and oath, the Scripture says they did not walk in Samuel's ways. The issue was not merely what they were called or where they served, but the path they chose to walk. They turned aside after dishonest gain, accepted bribes, and perverted justice. This reveals that outward identity, spiritual environment, and even ministry involvement are not enough by themselves if a child does not truly learn to walk in righteousness. In contrast, we are raising people who, in this respect, will surpass even Samuel—not merely producing sons and daughters with the right names, language, or environment, but children who genuinely walk in the ways of God.

BRENDA

4 So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. 5 They said to him, "**You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways**; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

MARK

Here comes the sales pitch: "You are old, your sons are corrupt, and this is what we want—to be like everyone else around us." The people used the failure they saw in Samuel's house as justification for longing after something different from God's desire for them. Speaking out of fear, they looked around at the nations surrounding them and concluded that the solution was to become like them. In the same way, children in our homes can begin longing for things that are separate from God's heart, believing that what the world offers is better, safer, or more desirable than the path God has chosen for them. Yet there is a profound difference between the king they wanted and the King that God would choose. Israel desired a king according to outward appearance, worldly security, and human wisdom, while God desired to establish a king according to His own heart.

JODY

6 But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord.

BEN

What displeased Samuel was not merely hearing about the condition of his sons, but hearing Israel desire a king according to the pattern of the nations around them. Their longing exposed something deeper than outward leadership failure—it revealed hearts turning away from God's design. Samuel could have become consumed with embarrassment, fear, frustration, or anger as he came face to face with the fruit surrounding him, focusing only on the consequences of his parenting and leadership failures. Yet Samuel was not done parenting Israel, and his first response was not defensiveness or panic—it was prayer. He immediately went before the Lord. If only parents would do the same when confronted with painful realities in their children. Rather than reacting out of offense, fear, shame, or anger, parents must learn to seek the heart of God concerning the deeper issue taking place within their children. When you find the heart of God, He will help you uncover the true heart behind their struggle, longing, rebellion, or fear.

JODY

7 And the Lord told him: "**Listen** to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but **they have rejected me as their king**."

BEN

We have to learn to listen well in each age and stage of our children's development, because what they are saying is not always what they are truly saying. This is the point where parents must begin operating with discernment, relying upon the Holy Spirit to reveal what is really at the heart of the matter instead of merely reacting to surface-level words, emotions, or attitudes. Children at these stages are often feeling things they cannot yet properly express or may not even fully understand themselves. Daughters can begin expressing dissatisfaction toward their mothers when what they are truly battling are their own fears, insecurities, and struggles with faith, projecting those internal conflicts outward. Sons may begin challenging authority as they search for footing in preparation for one day leading their own families. They test relationships, wrestle with identity, and strain against boundaries as they battle to become what God has called them to be. These are moments for parents to rise in faith rather than fear, understanding that deeper processes are taking place beneath the surface. Rejection in these moments is often not as much about the parent personally as it is about discovering who will truly become king of their hearts and lives—the

fleshly Saul or the divine David. There is also a tension between God's timing and human desire, because children, like Israel, may long for something that is not entirely wrong in itself, but wrong in timing, motive, or understanding. This is the difficulty of leading people who may desire the right thing, but at the wrong time and for the wrong reasons.

LYNDIE

8 As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. 9 Now **listen to them**; but **warn them solemnly** and let them know what the king who will reign over them will do."

NICK

Look at this passage from a parenting perspective. What Israel was expressing was not entirely new; it was simply now being voiced openly. God tells Samuel to truly listen to them—to fully hear and grasp what is being said—and then to warn them fully concerning the consequences of the path they are choosing. This is the posture parents must learn to take with their adult children. **Listen carefully to what they are saying without interrupting, correcting, or reacting to every other sentence.** Hear the deeper longings, fears, ambitions, and struggles underneath their words. Then, solemnly warn them. Testify to them. Speak to them with the growing respect and maturity appropriate for adults rather than merely as small children under command. Utilize the relationship you have built over the years to describe honestly what the destructive power of sin has done in your own life and what your victories in obedience have taught you. Parents must help their children understand the cost of refusing to follow the way of the LORD, in the timing of the LORD, and for the reasons the LORD gives. Timing matters. Protection matters. Many people rush toward what they long for simply because they see others around them possessing it, not realizing that premature desires outside of God's timing often produce bondage instead of blessing. At this stage, our role increasingly becomes that of counselor rather than enforcer. Israel heard the warnings and still desired their king. In the same way, some adults never mature and still want leaders, pastors, or mentors to make every decision for them, while others reject all counsel, oversight, accountability, and wisdom altogether. Maturity is learning how to receive counsel deeply while still taking responsibility before God for one's own decisions.

LYNDIE

1 Sam 10:20-24

When Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, the tribe of Benjamin was chosen. 21 Then he brought forward the tribe of Benjamin, clan by clan, and Matri's clan was chosen. Finally Saul son of Kish was chosen. But when they looked for him, he was not to be found. 22 So they inquired further of the Lord, "Has the man come here yet?" And the Lord said, "Yes, **he has hidden himself among the baggage.**"

23 They ran and brought him out, and as he stood among the people he was a head taller than any of the others. 24 Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see the man the Lord has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people."

Then the people shouted, "Long live the king!"

NIV

NICK

This passage reveals the tension that often exists within our children between great potential and great fear. Saul visibly stood above everyone else, marked by outward distinction and receiving overwhelming approval from the people, yet internally he was hiding among the baggage. In the same way, parents can clearly see gifting, calling, strength, and potential in their children while simultaneously watching them wrestle with insecurity, fear, hesitation, and uncertainty about stepping into who God is calling them to become. Moments like these require tremendous faith from parents. We cannot merely respond to what our children presently lack; we must learn to see what God is developing within them even while they are still hiding among the baggage of immaturity, fear, insecurity, or weakness. There may be visible signs of promise and approval, yet still a tremendous amount of development left to do.

BRENDA

1 Samuel 11:6–7 (NIV)

6 When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he burned with anger. 7 He took a pair of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent the pieces by messengers throughout Israel, proclaiming, "This is what will be done to the oxen of anyone who does not follow Saul and Samuel." Then the terror of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out together as one.

MARK

In this passage we begin to see Saul learning to lead, learning to master responsibility, and yet simultaneously failing in critical ways. Saul acted with strength, decisiveness, and outward effectiveness, but he also displayed growing

self-reliance. Rather than inquiring of the LORD for direction, he remembered patterns from Israel's history and mimicked actions that had previously stirred strong emotional responses among the people. He reproduced a method that seemed powerful without first receiving fresh direction from God concerning how he himself was supposed to lead. Saul even invoked Samuel's name as part of his command despite no indication that he actually possessed Samuel's approval or the LORD's instruction in that moment. Yet outwardly, things appeared to work. The people gathered together as one, and obedience was achieved. But while Saul may have gained their outward compliance, he had not truly gained their hearts. This becomes an important lesson for parents raising adult children who may resemble Saul in various ways—capable, gifted, driven, and externally successful, yet still struggling with self-reliance, insecurity, imitation without intimacy with God, and leadership disconnected from wholehearted dependence upon the LORD. Yet even here, there is hope for parents, because God is still willing to work patiently through immature leaders who have much development left ahead of them.

BRENDA

1 Sam 12:20-23

"Do not be afraid," Samuel replied. "You have done all this evil; yet do not turn away from the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart. 21 Do not turn away after useless idols. They can do you no good, nor can they rescue you, because they are useless. 22 **For the sake of his great name the Lord will not reject his people, because the Lord was pleased to make you his own.** 23 As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right. NIV

MARK

Leading into this passage, Samuel is strongly rebuking the people for asking for a king, and God Himself confirms Samuel's words with supernatural signs of thunder and rain. **Yet even in the midst of correction, Samuel does not abandon the people, lose hope in them, or neglect his responsibility toward them.** This becomes an important picture for parents of adult children. When children make wrong choices, pursue worldly desires, or experience the painful consequences of their actions, this is **not** the time for parents to withdraw in hopelessness, bitterness, fear, or resignation. Samuel reminds Israel that despite their sin and failure, they still belong to the LORD and remain His own possession. In the same way, parents must continue speaking purpose, identity, calling, and covenant over their children, reminding them who they are and what God has called them to

become. Samuel declares that failing to pray for them would itself be sin, and he commits himself to continue teaching them the good and right way. This is the role of an interventional prophet within parenting—to come with direction, encouragement, teaching, correction, rebuke, and training while still anchored in covenant love and hope. The responsibility of the parent is not over simply because children have become adults or have made painful mistakes. Prayer must continue. Teaching must continue. Hope must continue.

JODY

1 Sam 13:11-14

11 "**What** have you done?" asked Samuel. Saul replied, "When **I saw** that the men were scattering, and that **you did not come at the set time**, and that the Philistines were assembling at Micmash, 12 **I thought**, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the Lord's favor.' So **I felt compelled** to offer the burnt offering."

BEN

- Samuel addresses the "what", not the "why"...go back to teaching on Nouthetic counselling. "Why" is unimportant.
- But Saul answers with "why" reasonings. I SAW, YOU DIDN'T, I THOUGHT, I FELT... How very noble of him!
- Since you failed and they are cowards, I acted & made a sacrifice! I was taking care of it. He proved himself not worthy of the Kingship he had been given.

Rather than humbly submitting to the LORD's instruction and timing, Saul relied upon his own perception, emotions, logic, and urgency. This is often what immaturity looks like in adult children as well—justifying wrong actions through emotionally persuasive explanations, fear-driven reasoning, or self-appointed responsibility. Saul believed he was taking care of the situation, but in doing so he revealed that he was not yet worthy of the kingship entrusted to him. His failure was not merely the outward act itself, but the deeper self-reliance, impatience, and unwillingness to trust God's order and timing underneath it all.

JODY

13 "You acted foolishly," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. 14 But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command."

NIV

BEN

This rebuke exposes the true nature of Saul's problem—it was ultimately an issue of the heart. Saul's failure was not merely a procedural mistake or a leadership misstep; his kingship fundamentally disregarded the Word of God, the commands of God, and the promises of God. The tragedy is heightened by the realization that Saul genuinely had potential. God had intended to establish his kingdom over Israel, yet Saul's unwillingness to trust and obey revealed a heart unworthy of enduring authority. Yet even in the midst of this failure, there is hope, because God will not allow immature, fleshly kingship to reign forever. The reign of Saul would eventually come to an end because God already had a better kingship in mind—a mature kingship worthy of being crowned.

LYNDIE

Acts 13:22

After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

NIV

Deut 17:14-20

14 When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, "Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us," 15 be sure to appoint over you the king the Lord your God chooses.

NICK

This passage reveals that the time period of the kings was always within the foreknowledge and plan of God. Moses himself was relaying God's heart long before Israel ever demanded a king in the days of Samuel. Yet there is a profound difference between the kingship Israel demanded in fear and rebellion and the kingship God intended in His timing and according to His choosing. Saul's arrival came largely as a response to failed leadership, corrupt judges, fear, and the people's desire to imitate the surrounding nations. But the kind of king spoken of in Deuteronomy was not meant to arise as a concession to fleshly longing or national panic. The choice of a king, in God's design, was to be the choice of God Himself. This becomes a powerful picture for parenting adult children. As young adults mature and begin choosing for themselves to be kingdom-minded and led by the Holy Spirit, they begin desiring what God Himself desires, in the proper season and for the proper reasons. What was once immature craving, worldly

imitation, or fear-driven ambition can, through maturity and the work of God, become a genuine longing for God's will, God's leadership, and God's kingdom purposes.

LYNDIE

"He must be from among your own brothers. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not a brother Israelite. 16 The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the Lord has told you, "You are not to go back that way again." 17 He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.

NICK

- The man to be King would be an Israelite
- He would not use the monarchy to enrich himself
- He would not use the monarchy to find personal pleasures

LYNDIE

18 When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write **for himself** on a scroll a copy of this law, **taken from that of the priests**, who are Levites. 19 It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees 20 and **not consider himself better than his brothers** and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

NIV

NICK

This passage reveals the kind of king God desires to raise within our children. The king God chooses personally takes hold of the Word of God, treasures it, and submits his life to it continually. He partners with the priests and with godly leaders who have faithfully gone before him, learning to follow both the Spirit and the Word. This is the picture of mature sons and daughters advancing God's Kingdom because they have learned obedience, humility, and reverence for God.

This kind of leadership is not harsh, selfish, heavy-handed, or manipulative like Saul's leadership often became. Instead, they become careful with their words, decisions, and responsibilities because they understand they are representing God's purposes. They learn to make decisions based not on fear, pride, emotion, or self-interest, but upon righteousness and wisdom. This is the transition from mere adulthood into the mature nature of a Davidic king.

True humility is also seen here. Mature sons and daughters are able to seek wisdom and counsel from parents and godly leaders without surrendering responsibility for their own lives before God. They neither reject counsel nor become dependent upon others to control them. Instead, they value and pursue godly wisdom because they recognize its fruit. This kind of kingship produces stability across generations, allowing both children and their descendants to reign long within the purposes of God.

BRENDA

1 Sam 16:10-14

Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." 11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

12 So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one."

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

14 Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him

NIV

MARK

The contrast between Saul and David is profound. Saul was found hiding among the baggage, consumed with fear and insecurity, while David was found faithfully tending the sheep, consumed with the work entrusted to him. Saul stood out because he was a head taller than everyone else, appearing to be the obvious choice outwardly. David, though handsome and ruddy, was overlooked by men because God was searching for something deeper than appearance—He was searching for the heart. Both Saul and David initially experienced the Spirit of God

coming upon them, yet only David remained steadfast in heart and continued walking with the Lord so that the Spirit **remained** upon him. Saul ultimately lost what had once empowered him because his leadership centered upon preserving his own name, reputation, and control. David, however, consistently fought for the name of the LORD. This becomes a powerful picture for parenting: outward impressiveness, gifting, appearance, and approval are not enough. God is forming sons and daughters whose hearts remain faithful, humble, diligent, and fully devoted to His name rather than their own.

BRENDA

1 Sam 17:45-47

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, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

MARK

- David is showing the Kingly call on his life... long before he was seated on a throne...
- He began a serious effort of making Shalom... fighting God's battles!
 - David is becoming more and more kingly! He is fighting God's battle whether he is tending to sheep or battling Goliath, the integrity of the King was built in a pasture alone
 - The cowardice of others is no problem for this King!
 - These aren't just bold words, they are rightly reflecting the heart of God on the matter because he had the right heart!!
 - David was on fire!! Hungry for the reality of the Kingdom!!

JODY

1 Sam 21:4-9

But the priest answered David, "I don't have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some consecrated bread here — provided the men have kept themselves from women."

5 David replied, "Indeed women have been kept from us, as usual whenever I set out. The men's things are holy even on missions that are not holy. How much

more so today!" 6 So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the Lord and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.

7 Now one of Saul's servants was there that day, detained before the Lord; he was Doeg the Edomite, Saul's head shepherd.

8 David asked Ahimelech, "Don't you have a spear or a sword here? I haven't brought my sword or any other weapon, because the king's business was urgent."

9 The priest replied, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, is here; it is wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you want it, take it; there is no sword here but that one."

David said, "There is none like it; give it to me

NIV

BEN

- Not just about the accomplishments of youthful vigor... David continues to seek the Lord thru the priest and interventional prophets in his life
- This is the time when your adult child is seeking counsel and you are their interventional prophet/priest reminding them of God's consecrated word to them and the function of who they are in the kingship of David . . . Less supervisory, more availability to give counsel
- They are returning to Consecrated bread, recalling the word that you have put before them so many times before
- They are being renewed in their Divine Design...like the miracle at the Laver, regaining their confidence to continue

JODY

1 Sam 22:1-2

David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there. 2 All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader. About four hundred men were with him.

BEN

- Saul's leadership produced fear/out of shalom, broken kingdom
- David's leadership gathered the broken and offered them right order
- Revival in his call brought revival to other men!!

- Being develop in obscurity...like this morning's sermon
- Divine Kingship vs. Carnal Kingship...

LYNDIE

2 Samuel 5:1–5 (NIV)

1 All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. 2 In the past, while Saul was king over us, **you were the one who led Israel** on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.’ ” 3 When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they **anointed David king** over Israel. 4 David was **thirty years old** when he became king, and **he reigned forty years**. 5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

NICK

- This is the crowning achievement of David and for us parents
- This is the hope that is found during the days of their Saul-like behavior...the nature of the Davidic King is waging war inside of them and will replace the kingship of Saul!
- David anointed by Samuel around the age of 15, though not stated...we presume, is not seated as a crowned king until the age of 30! Then...there was 40 years of work to do
- See this from God's perspective: This is what he was aiming for all along!!
 - Moses: 1500 B.C.
 - David: 1000 B.C.
 - A 500 year process to what He planned from the beginning!
- Have hope parents, your diligence and Word directed efforts will result in a crowning achievement in your children...who, at this stage, are Adults...just not very good ones, but will be!

KINGS STAGE: AGES 15+ —



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NATURE OF DAVID



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KINGS STAGE: AGES 15+ —

Parents:

- LET YOUR FAITH ARISE
- MOST TRUST DEMANDED OF PARENTING
- ENGAGE!!
- GREATEST REWARDS
 - POSSIBLE GREATEST DEFEATS
- PASTOR THEM WELL



KINGS STAGE: AGES 15+

Kids:

- LET YOUR FAITH ARISE
- TRUST THE LORD THAT HE WILL DO IN YOU
WHAT HE HAS DONE IN THE ONES YOUR
RESPECT MOST
- ENGAGE!!
- GREATEST REWARDS
- VALUE INSIGHT OF AUTHORITY

Prayer for families
Initiative, but submitted