

Learning To Love God in Every Season: Lessons from David's Life and Psalms

Loving God When Life Is Far from Fair

1 Samuel 18-24

Introduction: David's Trajectory So Far ...

From **obscurity**, God chooses a man with a _____ **bent towards Him** to be Israel's 2nd king.

1 Samuel 13:14, 1 Samuel 16:7, 1 Samuel 16:12b-13a

This young man, captivated by the greatness and glory of God, is **moved to action with** _____ when God's honor is challenged.

1 Samuel 17:26, 1 Samuel 17:45-47

Soon **everyone will know the** _____ of the once-anonymous shepherd boy from Bethlehem.

1 Samuel 17:55-58

And now, after that life-changing, people-saving event, **David is thrust into the national spotlight** as a _____.

1 Samuel 18:5

But at the peak of David's popularity and on the heels of so much success, everything takes **a sudden and** _____ for the worse.

1 Samuel 18:6-9

From that day forward – until the final days of Saul's life – **he seeks the** _____ **of David**.

At least _____ Saul sought to kill David himself or have David killed!

And the tragic irony of it all is this:

The one of whom Saul sardonically said, "**what more can he have but the kingdom?**" had already been promised the kingdom through anointing. And now, instead of being treated like a _____ and _____, he is on the run for his very life.

And this went on for approximately **10 years!**

All this sad saga begs a huge question:

How do you keep loving God when life is far from fair?

8 lessons from David's experiences:

1. Don't suppose that you _____ – or even _____ – understand all the reasons '_____'.
1 Samuel 20:1
2. Do presume upon God's _____, trusting that He is working for your _____.
Psalms 57:2
3. Fight for your _____ by _____.
It is how you keep your _____ and your _____.
Psalms 57:4-5,7
4. Don't try to _____ it. Be _____ with yourself and with God about how you _____.
Psalms 142:1-4
5. But don't _____ your feelings. Honesty requires you _____ what you know to be _____. *Psalms 57:9-11*
6. Consider the _____ and _____ you will have on others (who are also going thru difficulty) based on how you handle this season. *1 Samuel 22:1-2*
7. Don't use "unfairness" as a rationale for _____.
Stay the _____ course even if there is no apparent _____.
1 Samuel 24:6, 1 Samuel 24:16b-17
8. Trust God to _____ this season in the end. *Psalms 142:7*