

TRUSTING GOD

with the

NEXT STEP

SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM • PART 31 • 2 SAMUEL 2:1-7

"In the course of time,"
David inquired of the LORD..."

2 SAMUEL 2:1

1 TRUSTING GOD WITH THE NEXT STEP



- David mourned before moving forward.
- David inquired of the LORD before acting.
- Faithfulness begins by trusting God with the next step, even when we can't see the whole picture.
- God often gives us the next step instead of the whole plan (Matthew 6:11; Psalm 31:15).

2 WHY HEBRON?



- David obeyed God's direction and moved to Hebron.
- Judah had become familiar with David's character during his years in the wilderness.
- The people witnessed David's restraint toward Saul and his care for the towns of Judah.
- Judah anointed David king because they recognized God's hand on his life.
- God's providence had been preparing David for years.

3 DAVID'S FIRST ACT AS KING



- David honored the men of Jabesh Gilead for courageously recovering Saul's body.
- His first recorded act as king was encouraging frightened Israelites to trust the LORD.
- (v5-6) "kindness" (*hesed*) = God's loyal covenant love.
- (v6) "faithfulness" (*emet*) = God's faithfulness and trustworthiness.
- David encouraged God's people to be strong and brave because the LORD had not abandoned them.

4 BE STILL BEFORE THE LORD



- Biblical "stillness" is refusing to let fear control our actions.
- David had previously acted out of fear (1 Samuel 27), but now he sought the LORD.
- There's a difference between feeling scared and allowing fear to control our actions.
- Waiting patiently on the LORD means trusting His guidance and His timing.

5 PATIENCE TRUSTS GOD'S FAITHFULNESS



- Fear no longer determined David's next step; seeking the LORD did.
- God often develops patience through seasons of waiting.
- Patience is what trusting God looks like when we don't know what's next.
- David trusted the LORD with the next step even without seeing the whole picture.

6 GOD IS FAITHFUL



- God's *hesed* and *emet* are the foundation of our hope.
- He leads one step at a time.
- He is faithful in the waiting.
- He remains with us when the future is uncertain.
- We can depend on Him with confidence.

KEY SCRIPTURES

2 Samuel 2:1

"In the course of time,"
David inquired of the LORD..."



2 Samuel 2:1

"Where shall I go?"



2 Samuel 2:6

"May the LORD show you
kindness (*hesed*) and
faithfulness (*emet*)..."



Psalm 37:7

"Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him."



Psalm 31:15

"My times are in Your hands."



MAIN TAKEAWAY



WE CAN PATIENTLY TRUST THE LORD WITH THE NEXT STEP,
EVEN WHEN WE CAN'T SEE THE WHOLE PICTURE, BECAUSE HE IS FAITHFUL.

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Main Scripture: 2 Samuel 2:1-7

➡ Trusting God with the Next Step — 2 Samuel 2:1

- David didn't rush into what was next; after grieving, he inquired of the LORD
- David knew God's promise, but he didn't demand to know how or when it would happen
- Faithfulness begins by trusting God with the next step, even when we can't see the whole picture
- God often gives us the next step instead of the whole plan (Matthew 6:11; Psalm 31:15)

➡ Why Hebron? — 2 Samuel 2:2-4a

- David obeyed God's direction and moved to Hebron
- Judah had become familiar with David's character during his years in the wilderness
- The people witnessed David's restraint toward Saul and his care for the towns of Judah
- Judah anointed David king because they recognized God's hand on his life
- God's providence had been preparing David for this moment for years

➡ David's First Act as King — 2 Samuel 2:4b-7

- David honored the men of Jabesh Gilead for courageously recovering Saul's body
- His first recorded act as king was encouraging frightened Israelites to trust the LORD
- (v5-6) "kindness" (Hb, *hesed*) = God's loyal covenant love
- (v6) "faithfulness" (Hb, *emet*) = God's faithfulness and trustworthiness
- David encouraged God's people to be strong and brave because the LORD had not abandoned them

➡ Be Still Before the LORD — Psalm 37:7

- Biblical "stillness" is refusing to let fear control our actions
- David had previously acted out of fear (1 Samuel 27), but now he sought the LORD
- There's a difference between feeling scared and allowing fear to control our actions
- Waiting patiently on the LORD means trusting His guidance and His timing

➡ Patience Trusts God's Faithfulness

- Fear no longer determined David's next step; seeking the LORD did
- God often develops patience through seasons of waiting
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➡ **Main Takeaway — We can patiently trust the LORD with the next step, even when we can't see the whole picture, because He is faithful.**