



THE ROAD TO OUR THRONE David's Story/Our Destiny

“If we endure, we shall also reign with him.”
—2 Timothy 2:12

Those worthy of a throne must first endure the thorns. It was true for Jesus, it was necessary for David, and it is essential for you. In this part of David's story, we learn how to endure so that we will reign.

Truths that Transform

1. Like David, we have been chosen by God to sit on a throne.

[David: 1 Samuel 16:1,2 & 3; 1 Samuel 18:1-4 & 8]

[Christians: Ephesians 1:11; Romans 8:29; 1 Peter 1:4; Ephesians 2:6; Revelation 4:5] **Our Response:** Praise and humility [Revelation 4:10&11]

2. Like David, we embrace the wilderness times as preparation for the throne. [Ephesians 5:22-27] **Our Response:** We must endure to the end. [Matthew 24:13; Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 12:4; Revelation 3:11]

3. God's will won't take us where his grace won't keep us. [2 Corinthians 12:9; 13:14] **Our Response:** Never, never, never give up on God because he never gives up on you.

- 4. God will move all obstacles to your destiny in his time.** [2 Samuel 1; Philippians 1:6] **Our Response:** Live by faith, not sight. Confess your destiny, not your current situation. Remember, God doesn't count time as you do. He will not allow you to be crushed by the Peter Principle by elevating you before you are ready—Abraham Lincoln said, "Success will test our character more than failure." [Proverbs 30:9]

- 5. Never take delight in the fall of your enemies. Rather, respect them for what they brought to your life.** [2 Samuel 1:17-27] **Our Response:** How you deal with your enemies is key to your growth. It also shows how much you appreciate God's masterplan for your life. [Romans 8:28] Do "all things" really mean all things?

- 6. Grieving well is critical to moving forward.** [2 Samuel 1:17-27] **Our Response:** We will never get our inheritance if we can't move beyond our losses in life. We need to deal with loss, grief, disappointment, and resentment in a healthy way. We can't hold on to it. We must face it, express it, and move on—in spite of it.

- 7. Don't try to take advantage of the misfortune of others.** [2 Samuel 1:1-15] **Our Response:** Depend on God's grace and goodness rather than our scheming and conniving.

- 8. The Seven-Year Civil War: We are in a war between two kingdoms vying for control of this world and each of us.** [2 Samuel 2] **Our Response:** Remember, it is a fight to the death. There can only be one king. There are no neutral zones like Switzerland; no time-outs; and no quarter given. Like Abner, you must give yourself to the only king who is anointed by God to sit on the throne. [2 Samuel 3:6 ff.]

- 9. Beware of the lesser compromises that accumulate into the big sins that threaten everything.** [2 Samuel 3:1-5, 13-15; 5:13-16] **Our Response:** No sin is too small. Sow a habit, reap a character. "The road to hell is paved by small sins."

- 10. Beware of the corrupting power of revenge.** [2 Samuel 3:22-39] **Our Response:** It matters little if it is murder or hatred—it is still offensive to God [Matthew 5:21-26; Romans 12:19] Just as it got Joab in the end, it will end up badly for us too. [2 Kings 2:28]
- 11. You can't touch the Lord's anointed. Only God has the right to take out his leaders.** [2 Samuel 4] **Our Response:** Let God be God. [Isaiah 42:8]
- 12. You will reach your destiny. History is already written in heaven.** [2 Samuel 5:1-3]