

Getting Direction (“What Do I Do Now?”)

2 Samuel 2:1-4

Now that Saul is dead, and the time of mourning is over, David wants to know what his next move should be. David went to the Lord for personal direction in his life.

Even though David had been anointed to be King, he did not begin to scheme and plot how to seize control of the Kingdom. He doesn't say, “Now I can finally take what is rightfully mine!” David never asked to be made King. David was not seeking a kingdom, but a home for his men and families.

All David wanted was the will of God. And, that is all any Christian should want.

It is obvious that David has learned it is best to seek God's guidance before taking action. Many of David's problems in the past were because he failed to consult God before acting on his own initiative and intuition. By refusing to take matters into his own hands, David acknowledges his faith that God is the One who is in control of his life.

David had different ways he could go, but he wanted God's way. He left the choices with God.

➡ Four lessons about the will of God from David in this passage.

I. **The PREPARATION for the will of God.**

- A. Preparation involves **EQUIPPING** . All of David's painful and difficult experiences of the past 12 years were preparing him for this time.
 - 1. God will never put you in a position to do His will that you've not been equipped or prepared for.
 - 2. When God leads you to a crossroad concerning His will, it will usually be preceded by various learning experiences that will prepare you for what He wants you do at that point. **EXAMPLE:** Joseph.
- B. Preparation involves **STRIPPING**.

- Sometimes God will use various circumstances to strip things from our lives that would hinder us from doing His will. God knows exactly what needs to be done to get the stuff out of our lives so we can fulfill His will. He did that with Jacob.
 1. He removes our foolishness so He can give us His wisdom.
 2. He takes away our immaturity so He can mature us.
 3. He strips us of our way so we must trust His way.
 4. He strips us of our self confidence so we must walk by faith.
 5. He strips us of our carnality so He can perfect spirituality.

II. **The PURSUIT of the will of God** (v. 1— A AF- E HI , D IN I ED L , , I).

A. The **WISDOM** of seeking God's will.

1. Who can guide and give us direction better than God? David believed the **Lord knew what would be best for him.**
 - ➡ Some people check their horoscope to determine what they should do. No Christian should do that.
2. Paul wrote, ,
L (Eph. 5:17). Paul prayed for the Colossians that they

(Col. 1:9).

B. The **WAITING** in seeking God's will.

1. The will of God requires patience and faith. One person said, "Waiting on God is difficult. It takes work." No, waiting on God takes faith.
2. While it was outwardly obvious that David needed to leave Ziklag (it was in enemy territory and it was burned to ashes by the Amalekites), David refused to take a step without first getting a "green light" from God.

III. **The PERCEPTION of the will of God.**

- ➡ We must "learn" to discern what the will of God is. How did David perceive God's will?

A. There is a **PROGRESSION** in perceiving God's will (v. 1 b).

1. The perception of God's will begins in a general way, and then becomes more specific. God points to the pathway, then the individual steps along the path.
 - God wants us to walk by faith, one step at a time. Our problem is we want to know every detail of God's will immediately.
 2. ILLUS: God's call into the ministry and to Washington.
- B. There is a **PERSISTENCE** to know God's will.
- David continued to inquire of the Lord. He did not cease asking God questions until he was clear what he should do.
1. We persist in what we value and what is important to us. If something is valuable to you, you will persist until you find it or you get ahold of it. And nothing is more valuable to you than knowing God's will for your life. Every joy, blessing, and fulfillment in life is contingent upon the will of God.
 2. To pursue the will of God means you must pursue a knowledge of the Word of God. The will of God will never go contrary to the principles of the Word of God. Don't tell me you are concerned about the will of God if you are not spending much time in the Word of God.

IV. The **PERFORMANCE** of the will of God.

- Why does God show us anything? Is it to just accumulate more knowledge? No, God gives us knowledge so we can apply it to our lives.
 - We perceive the will of God to perform the will of God.
 - We discern the will of God to do the will of God.
 - We learn the will of God so we can live the will of God.
- A. The **PROMPTNESS** of doing God's will. Once God's will has been clearly discerned, we must obey without delay.
- The timing of our obedience reflects the quality of our obedience. And the quality of our obedience determines the quantity of God's blessings.

- B. The **BLESSINGS** of doing God's will. Our obedience in doing God's will determine whether we are a blessing or a burden to others.
1. David's **family** was blessed (v. 2). He moved his family out of Ziklag, the burned place, to Hebron, the blessed place.
➤ Could the reason be why some families are not blessed is because of delayed obedience of the will of God?
 2. David's **followers** were blessed (v. 3). The best way to insure the blessings of God upon our church is for me and the leaders of our church to be obedient to God's will.

SUMMATION: It is God's will for you to be saved... sanctified... serving... stewards. Your obedience in these areas will determine God's blessings in your life and those around you.

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