



How To Position Yourself for Promotion
King David - A Biographical Sketch - Sermon Series
Sermon Notes, Sermon Outline and Small Group Study Guide

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King David (Part 5) - Assignment
Sunday Sermon, October 04, 2026

Covers 1 Samuel 31, 2 Samuel chapters 1-5

STEPPING INTO LIFE'S ASSIGNMENT

Saul's death, David becoming king over Judah, and finally becoming king over all Israel. This is an important transition because David is no longer merely waiting for God's promise. He is now walking in God's assignment for his life.

SAUL'S DEATH, DAVID'S RESPONSE

Saul and his sons died in battle, leaving the path clear for David to become king.

1 Samuel 31, 2 Samuel 1

It is amazing to observe David's response on hearing the death of king Saul and Jonathan. He is deeply saddened, mourns and weeps. His words are words of honor and respect, even though king Saul has been his oppressor wanting to kill him.

2 Samuel 1:11-12

11 Therefore David took hold of his own clothes and tore them, and so did all the men who were with him.

12 And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son, for the people of the LORD and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

2 Samuel 1:19,23

19 The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!

23 Saul and Jonathan were beloved and pleasant in their lives, And in their death they were not divided; They were swifter than eagles, They were stronger than lions.



SHOULD I MOVE? WHERE?

2

Samuel

2:1

It happened after this that David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up to any of the cities of Judah?" And the LORD said to him, "Go up." David said, "Where shall I go up?" And He said, "To Hebron."

David does not rush into random action. He asks God for guidance. First of all, he wants to make sure if this is the right time to move out from exile in Ziklag back to the region of Judah. And if he should move back, which city should he go to. The Lord directs him back to Hebron.

David doesn't assume that God's promise gives him permission to determine the timing, location, or manner of its fulfillment. He lets God determine and direct his next step. And the next step is not Jerusalem, not Bethlehem, but Hebron.

DAVID BECOMES KING OVER JUDAH

David was anointed king over Judah at Hebron after Saul's death.

2 Samuel 2:2-4

2 So David went up there, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite.

3 And David brought up the men who were with him, every man with his household. So they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

4 Then the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

David's "home town" was Bethlehem in Judah and yet God directed him to Hebron.

Historically in the Bible Hebron is very significant:



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- Hebron was deeply associated with God's covenant purposes - Abraham, Isaac and Jacob lived there (Genesis 13, 23, 49, 50).
- Hebron was a city of refuge (Joshua 20:7).
- Hebron was a city given to Caleb as an inheritance because he wholly followed God (Joshua 14:13-14).

David obeyed God and moved to Hebron. As soon as David made the move, even without his making any effort the people of Judah came and made him their king.

Once again at Hebron, David honors king Saul. When David hears that the men of Jabesh Gilead had buried Saul, he blesses them rather than celebrating Saul's death. David's kingship begins not with vengeance, but with honoring even the fallen king Saul who had persecuted him.

Hebron is where David learns to rule Judah before ruling Israel. Only later does he move to Jerusalem and establish his capital. An important lesson for us here.

Anointing precedes appointment, and appointment precedes expansion.

God anoints you, then appoints you and then consolidates and expands your work.

DAVID GROWS STRONGER AND STRONGER

2

Samuel

3:1

Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.

David honors Abner, commander of Saul's army

Growing in strength, growing in honor



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Samuel

3:36

Now all the people took note of it, and it pleased them, since whatever the king did pleased all the people.

Psalm 60: associated with David's military campaigns and victory over enemies east of the Jordan.

Psalm

60:12

Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.

SEVEN YEARS - AND THEN IT HAPPENED! DAVID BECOMES KING OVER ALL ISRAEL

After years of conflict, David was anointed king over all Israel, uniting the tribes.

2 Samuel 5:1-5

1 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, "Indeed we are your bone and your flesh.

2 Also, in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel.' "

3 Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David 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 began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

We can look at a few verses from these Psalms to see what David felt in his heart at this time.



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Psalm 18

Psalm 133

Psalm 101

Once David becomes king over all Israel at Hebron, he doesn't remain there. He goes to Jerusalem and captures the Jebusite stronghold of Zion, which became the City of David: *"Nevertheless David captured the fortress of Zion- which is the City of David."* (2 Samuel 5:7)

POSITIONING - RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

Positioning is being in the right place at the right time doing the right thing.

Position → Grow in strength and honor → Step into your life assignment

Ecclesiastes 8:5-6

5 He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful; And a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment,
6 Because for every matter there is a time and judgment, Though the misery of man increases greatly.

We observe David's journey:

Bethlehem: David is an unknown shepherd, anointed by Samuel to be future king.

Wilderness: David is persecuted and tested while waiting for God's promise.

Hebron: David is recognized and established, first over Judah and later over all Israel.

Jerusalem: David's kingdom is established, consolidated and expands.

A "HEBRON" SEASON

Hebron, in David's story, is a powerful picture of **God's process between promise and fulfillment.**

David had already been anointed in Bethlehem.



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He had already been promised the kingdom.
But God still had a Hebron season for him.
And Hebron was not the final destination. It was the place where David learned to receive, steward, and grow into what God had promised before being taken to Jerusalem.

Positioning can be geographic as in David's example.
Positioning can be in terms of learning, growth and maturity - where you stand on matters.
Ask God to show you where and how to position yourself.

PSALMS OF DAVID IN THIS PHASE:

Psalms 18: probably one of the most important transition Psalms. Its superscription connects it with David's deliverance from Saul and his enemies, and the Psalm is essentially David's testimony after God has brought him through prolonged adversity. It is also preserved almost verbatim as 2 Samuel 22.

Psalms 60: associated with David's military campaigns and victory over enemies east of the Jordan.

Psalms 61: David crying to God from a place of distance and dependence.

Psalms 67: prayer for God's blessing and the extension of His salvation to the nations.

Psalms 68: God's victorious procession and establishment of His dwelling.

Psalms 101: David's declaration concerning how he intends to govern.

Psalms 110: strongly royal/Messianic; traditionally Davidic and later explicitly quoted in the New Testament.

Psalms 122: Jerusalem/Zion, although the exact date is uncertain.

Psalms 124: thanksgiving for God's deliverance.

Psalms 131: humility and quietness before God.

Psalms 133: unity among God's people; particularly appropriate to David's unification of Israel.

Psalms 138: thanksgiving for God's faithfulness to His servant.

SUMMARY



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GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *2 Samuel 2:1-5, 5:1-5*



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INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

Q1, Recount David's journey from Bethlehem, to the wilderness, to Hebron, to Jerusalem. Draw insights from these transitions and what we can learn from them.

Q2, Discuss the importance of positioning – learning to move in step and in time with God – to journey into what He has planned and purposed for us.

Q3, Discuss the importance of the “Hebron season” where David a shepherd boy, who later led a band of about 400 men, learned to rule over a tribe, before he could rule over a nation. Identify some things that happened during his “Hebron season” that laid a good foundation for future consolidation and expansion.

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.



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Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES

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SERMON OUTLINE



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