

2 Samuel 5 - Recognize the LORD's Involvement in My Life

The LORD has a plan and a purpose for my life

2Sa 5:1-25 ESV Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and flesh. 2 In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. **And the LORD said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.'**"

- The LORD had a plan for David's life
 - You shall be shepherd - **one who feed**
 - You shall be prince - **one who leads**
- It took some time, and some hardship along the way, but it came to pass
 - Remember. these tribes of Israel **at first rejected David as king**

My life is lived out - BEFORE THE LORD

3 So 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 At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

How do you approach this?

a) The Lord sees all - so "I just accept the fact that He sees everything I do"

- Pro 15:3 NIV The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

b) Or am I intentional - "Since I KNOW He sees all, I live to please him"

- Col 3:17 NIV And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

There will always be resistance to God's purpose

Before we look at verse 6, let's look at some background

God chose Jerusalem for His name - at this time it was still in the hands of the Jebusites

- 2Ch 6:6 NIV But now I have chosen Jerusalem for my Name to be there, and I have chosen David to rule my people Israel.

When Israel took possession of the promised land, the Benjamites were unable to drive the Jebusites from Jerusalem

- Jdg 1:21 NIV The Benjamites, however, did not drive out the Jebusites, who were living in Jerusalem; to this day the Jebusites live there with the Benjamites.

The LORD left them there to test the Israelites, to teach warfare, and to test obedience

- Jdg 3:1-5 NIV These are the nations **the LORD left to test all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan** 2 (he did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience): 3 the five rulers of the **Philistines**, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites living in the Lebanon mountains from Mount Baal Hermon to Lebo Hamath. 4 **They were left to test the Israelites to see whether they would obey the LORD's commands**, which he had given their ancestors through Moses. 5 The Israelites lived among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and **Jebusites**.

David takes the stronghold of Zion

6 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, "You will not come in here, but the blind and the lame will ward you off"--thinking, "David cannot come in here." 7 ***Nevertheless***, David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David. 8 And David said on that day, "Whoever would strike the Jebusites, let him get up the water shaft to attack **'the lame and the blind,' who are hated by David's soul.**" Therefore it is said, "**The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.**" 9 And David lived in the stronghold and called it the city of David. And David built the city all around from the Millo inward.

- You will hear voices that tell you **"You cannot come in here"**
- You will be taunted by you **weakness** the "lame and the blind" - really a taunt against David's weakness and their ability to defend Jerusalem (even the most vulnerable can hold you back)
- basically saying David is not powerful enough to take this city, even the weakest and most vulnerable among us could stop him

1) **God has called us to fight** ... 1Ti 6:12 NIV Fight the good fight of the faith..

2) **Hate the thing that Satan uses to intimidate or taunt you from fulfilling God's purpose**

3) **NEVERTHELESS - You must go and take the stronghold**

- 2Co 10:4 NIV The **weapons we fight** with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have **divine power to demolish strongholds**.

Parallel 1 Chronicles - Initiative to fight

- 1Ch 11:6 NIV 4 6 David had said, "**Whoever leads the attack on the Jebusites will become commander-in-chief.**" ***Joab son of Zeruiah went up first, and so he received the command.***

God's involvement in my life serves His greater purpose

10 And David became greater and greater, **for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.** 11 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, also carpenters and masons who built David a house. 12 And David knew that the **LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.**

- He became greater **because God was with him**
- So when Hiram came to build him a house **David knew: (This is humility)**
 - 1) The **Lord had established him** as king over Israel:
 - 2) The **Lord exalted his kingdom**
 - 3) He lifted David up, not for his sake, but **for the sake of His people Israel**

God's purpose for us remains when we fail

13 And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron, and more sons and daughters were born to David. 14 And these are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, 15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, 16 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

He had 8 named wives and more in Jerusalem (unknown number) and 20 children named

This was in direct violation to laws concerning kings

Deu 17:17 NIV He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray.....

Yet the LORD continued to use him

- This is not an excuse to sin...
- But it is an encouragement to **not let your sin or failure be an excuse to stop pursuing God**

Because God has a purpose - Let us learn to inquire of Him

17 When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. But David heard of it and **went down to the stronghold**. 18 Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim. 19 And **David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you give them into my hand?"** And the LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will certainly give the Philistines into your hand." 20 And David came to Baal-perazim, and David defeated them there. And he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me like a breaking flood." Therefore the name of that place is called Baal-perazim.

We can't rely on past guidance - each situation is unique - same enemy, same valley, different strategy this time...

21 And the **Philistines** left their idols there, and David and his men carried them away. 22 And the Philistines came up yet **again** and spread out in the **Valley of Rephaim**. 23 **And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, "You shall not go up; go around to their rear, and come against them opposite the balsam trees.** 24 And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then rouse yourself, for then the LORD has gone out before you to strike down the army of the Philistines."

God's purpose being fulfilled in my life is linked to my obedience

25 And **David did as the LORD commanded him**, and struck down the Philistines from Geba to Gezer.