

Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: 2 Samuel 7: 29

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David was anointed by Samuel to be the next king of Israel, but he spent most of the next ten years fleeing from the sitting king, Saul. Why would God promise such great things to him and then allow him to experience such adversity?

Thankfully, we know that the Lord eventually fulfilled His promises to David. And as we face doubts about our own futures, we can trust God to operate on the same principles He used with him.

First, God is in control. No matter how far from the promises David seemed to be, the Lord was always orchestrating His details in the unseen. The same is true for you. Second, He is working through all things for your good and His glory. As with David, God understands what character qualities your future will require – and He allows circumstances that will strengthen you. Third, God will bless others through your wilderness experiences. Just as you can draw encouragement through David's story, God will hearten others through your testimony of His faithfulness.

So don't despair as you wait, but trust that just as He did with David, God knows what He's doing with you.

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