

FROM FUGITIVE TO KING: *How to Handle Success*

2 Samuel 1-4

Central Idea: *When we experience success and prosperity in life, we should handle it with grace and wisdom.*

Three things stand out during this period of David's life.

☞ He Honored Others

☞ He Sought Direction from God

☞ He Made Decisions Based on What is True and Right

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

1. What stands out to you about David's response to Saul's death, especially since Saul had pursued him for years? What does this reveal about David's character and view of God's sovereignty?
2. Have you ever honored someone who had not treated you in a loving manner? Why is this important to do?
3. David inquired of the Lord before moving to Hebron. How do you typically "inquire of the Lord" when making decisions?
4. The battle between David's men and Saul's men is essentially a civil war. What does this chapter show about division among God's people? How can we guard unity today?
5. In 2 Samuel 4, David again executes men who claim they killed his rival. How does David's consistent respect for God's timing challenge us in areas where we are tempted to "force" outcomes?
6. How would these stories encourage someone who is waiting for God to act in an unjust situation?

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