

## David pt9 – Getting To The Finish Line

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[2Sa 2:4 NASB95] 4 Then the men of Judah came and there anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, "It was the men of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul."

[2Sa 3:1 NASB95] 1 Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; and David grew steadily stronger, but the house of Saul grew weaker continually.

[2Sa 5:3-5 NASB95] 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them before the LORD at Hebron; then they anointed David king over Israel. 4 David was thirty years old when he became king, [and] he reigned forty years. 5 At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

[Phi 1:6 NASB95] 6 [For I am] confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

- Getting started is one thing. Finishing is something else.
- Saul and Jonathan (Saul's son) die. David becomes king over Judah. Seven years later, David became king over all of Israel.
- At the anointing, it looked impossible for David to become king. Jonathan was the rightful next in line. Then David gets a partial victory (Judah). He waits seven more years to get everything.

**What should we know, feel, and do to finally get to the finish line?**

**Paul gives a NT perspective on how to get to the finish line of God's plan for us.**

### **I. Getting to the finish line takes confidence.**

- a. I am confident in this one thing...
- b. This is not a time to doubt. Or become fearful.
- c. [Heb 10:35 NASB95] 35 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.
- d. Rick Renner: Hebrews 10:35 could be rendered to read: "Don't discard, dispel, dismiss, dump, or cast off your bold declaration of faith because it has great recompense of reward."
- e. On your way to the finish line of walking in the promises of God for your life, keep hold of your confidence and your trust in God.

### **II. Getting to the finish line, remembers God started this journey.**

- a. ...that He who began a good work in you...
- b. [Psa 127:1 NASB95] 1 A Song of Ascents, of Solomon. Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.
- c. Jesus is the One Who does it. [Mat 16:18 NASB95] 18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.
- d. God is not obligated to help you with your thing. He will see His purposes in your life come to completion.

### **III. Getting to the finish line, trusting in the God you know.**

- a. ...He...will...

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- b. You need to know the One Who is empowering you. [Dan 11:32 NASB95] 32 "By smooth [words] he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action.
- c. Who is God?
  - i. [Rev 21:6-7 NASB95] 6 Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. 7 "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.
  - ii. [Heb 12:2 NASB95] 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- d. Know that God does not just start things, He brings them to completion. He will get you there!

### IV. Getting to the finish line endures until the end.

- a. ...until the day of Christ Jesus.
  - b. You must endure. [Mat 24:13 NASB95] 13 "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.
  - c. It will take patience. [Heb 6:11-12 NASB95] 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
- **God wants us to get to the finish line. Be confident that God will complete His plan that He started in your life.**