



## Part 3: A Vision For Reality

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### A Vision of Royalty

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." – *1 Samuel 16:1*

Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one."

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. – *1 Samuel 16:10-13*

**Between vision and the fulfillment of vision  
is a little thing called reality.**

**Between God's original vision and its fulfillment, David attended the school of:**

#### 1. Fear and Boldness

Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. – *1 Samuel 17:10-11*

David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." – *1 Samuel 17:32*

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel." – *1 Samuel 17:45-46*

**Lesson learned:** Godly vision sees the size of God's promise, not the size of the obstacle

#### 2. Dealing with Difficult People

Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape. – *1 Samuel 19:10*

**Lesson learned:** Godly vision always encounters resistance.

#### 3. Humility

David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. – *1 Samuel 22:1*

**Lesson learned:** Godly vision is tested in adversity.

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#### 4. Obedience and Discernment

"This day you have seen with your own eyes how the LORD delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lift my hand against my master, because he is the LORD's anointed.'" – *1 Samuel 24:10*

**Lesson learned:** Godly vision is always in alignment  
with God's truth

#### **The Fulfillment of the Vision**

Then the men of Judah came to Hebron and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. – *2 Samuel 2:4*

David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years.  
– *2 Samuel 5:4*

#### **How do I get started in finding God's vision for my life?**

**Just do something!**

#### **Next Steps**

If you attend the Bellingham campus, stop by the Whatcom Ministries booths today in the Commons. Is God asking you to get involved with one of them? Could this be one of your "*just do something*" opportunities?

If you attend the Ferndale campus, is God calling you to get involved? Then fill out the Ferndale Volunteer form at the Connection Point today or online at [ctkferndale.com](http://ctkferndale.com).

#### **On Your Way Home**

Take a few moments and use your physical vision to see God's creation. What is God revealing about his character through what you are seeing?

#### **Small Group Discussion Questions**



- 1) What did you dream of being professionally when you were a kid? What happened to that vision?
- 2) What do you think David's response was after he was anointed king? How would you have responded?
- 3) Which of the four "schools" have you found yourself enrolling in lately? What lessons has God taught you?
- 4) What obstacles have kept you from pursuing God's vision for your life? What are you doing to overcome those obstacles?
- 5) Do you know God's vision for your life? Speak it out loud to the whole group. If you don't know, be honest and have the group pray that God would reveal it to you.
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?