



David Part 6 - Small Group Discussion - May 24, 2020

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Talk about a dream you've had that came true, or one that didn't. What did it mean to you? Where was God in that experience? What did you learn?
2. What are some reasons people get frustrated with or disappointed by God? Do you think their frustration and disappointment are reasonable? Why or why not?

3. One of the sermon points said: "When our dreams can't come true, God is still faithful. He still cares for us and acts in our best interests." Is that difficult for you to believe? Why or why not?
4. Read Psalm 25:4–5. Talk about a time when God used your circumstances to show you something about his ways and his path for you. What did you discover about God? How did it change your relationship with him? What kind of growth did it produce in you?
5. Even after Absalom killed David's firstborn son, even after he tried to seize the throne, even after he humiliated David by publically sleeping with his wives, David mourned deeply when Absalom died. What can this teach us about a father's love? What can it teach us about God's love for us?

MOVING FORWARD: The foundation of faith is not answered prayers or happy endings. It's always a mistake to wrap your faith in God around the fulfillment of your dreams or even the answers to your prayers. Dreams that don't come true say nothing of God's faithfulness or activity. You aren't forsaken. Declare the words of 2 Samuel 15: "If I find favor in the Lord's eyes, he will bring me back. Let him do to me whatever seems good to him."

A BETTER WAY OF THINKING:

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25: 1, 5



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