



THE STORY

A chronological journey
through the Bible

Sermon Series

Journey Group Lesson “From Shepherd to King” – March 24, 2013

Getting Started

Tell about a time you met someone and made a snap judgment about him or her, only to later learn that you were way off.

Digging Deeper

Read 1 Samuel 16:11-12; 17:28, 33, 43-44

Many people think they have David figured out. How did each of these people (Jesse, Eliab, King Saul, and Goliath) view David when they looked at him?

God saw David quite differently from everyone else. In light of this chapter of The Story, how did God see David?

Read 2 Samuel 22:1-7, 47 and Psalm 59.

What do you learn about David’s heart from these honest, passionate cries to God?

Bringing It Home

Randy said, “God put David through spiritual boot camp to chisel him and refine him into the kind of man who truly trusted God.” Tell about a time God sent you to spiritual boot camp. How did God use this time to refine, strengthen, and grow you?

David had to wait fourteen years between being anointed and actually sitting on the throne. Have you ever had a lengthy wait to receive something you felt God had planned for your life? What kept you hopeful during the wait?

How can God use times of waiting and challenging seasons of life to prepare us for greater things in our future?

Randy made this statement in the video. “God can use our disobedient lives as effectively as he uses our obedient lives in the Lower Story to work out his Upper Story plans.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

Spend some time praying for those who are in a challenging time of waiting. Ask God to carry them through and pray for wisdom to know how you can support or encourage them.