

When Others Keep Setting You Back

The Great Comeback—Part 6 of 7

When Family Has Set You Back

God looks at the heart.

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart

1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

God gives the Holy Spirit

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 powerfully upon David

1 Samuel 16:13, (NIV)

When Others Try to Set You Back

God keeps his promises.

Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?... Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.... All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.

1 Samuel 17: 26, 36, 47 (NIV)

Knowing God's promises:

1. Is it a promise or a proverb?
2. Is the promise conditional?
3. Is the promise applied correctly?

When Leaders Set You Back

God commands us to honor authority

[David's] men said, "This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord."

1 Samuel 24:4-6

General Observations from David's Life

- God's presence does not mean the absence of problems
- God's glory is David's highest priority
- Godly friendship is essential

When You Set Someone Back

Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes?...Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own....Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you...Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."

2 Samuel 12:9-13

Repent

Accept Forgiveness

Deal with the Consequences