



Week 5



Day 1: Trusting God in the Waiting

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 2:1-4a

Devotional:

David was anointed king almost 15-20 years earlier by the prophet Samuel when David was just a boy. Now, he is anointed king over *just* the tribe of Judah, not over all Israel yet. Instead of rushing ahead or forcing things to happen, David asked God, "Should I go?" God told him to go to

Hebron, and there, David became king over Judah, only *part* of the promise had come true. This shows us something really important about a heart after God: it trusts God even when the promise feels incomplete. David didn't try to take the throne by force or impatience. He didn't manipulate people or demand things from God. He waited for God's timing and followed God's direction. Trusting God often means obeying Him in small steps, even when the full picture isn't clear yet. God was working, even when David couldn't see everything happening at once.

When we trust God in the waiting, we are saying, "God, I believe You are good even before I see the outcome."

Discussion:

1. How can you trust God when you are waiting on something?
2. Why do you think it can be hard to trust God when things are only "partly" going the way you hoped?

Prayer:

God, help me trust You when I have to wait. Remind me that You are always working, even when I can't see the full plan. Amen.



Welcome to our week 5 devo for Pet Squad! All month long we are taking a look at the life of David to see what it looks like to have a heart after God's heart! This week, we are learning A Heart After God is Trusting through the story of David becoming king.

Time to get into God's Word and unleash some fun!

Day 2: Trusting God Over Popular Opinion

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 2:4b-7

Devotional:

After David became king over Judah, the people of Judah came to support him and anoint him as king. But the rest of Israel had not yet recognized him. David didn't force unity or try to win everyone over through pressure. He trusted God to bring the right people at the right time. A heart after God doesn't chase approval of man, but trusts God's approval. David didn't become king because everyone agreed instantly. He became king because *God had chosen him*. Even when not everyone recognized it yet, David stayed faithful where God placed him. Sometimes trusting God means not rushing to convince everyone around us or prove ourselves. It means resting in what God has said about us, even if not everyone sees it yet. God's timing for influence is *always* better than our urgent need for recognition. David shows us that real leadership begins with trust, trusting that God will establish what He has promised without us forcing it.

Discussion:

1. Why do you think it's hard when other people don't recognize something you do?
2. How can trusting God help you not depend so much on what others think?

Prayer:

God, help me trust Your voice more than other people's opinions. Teach me to rest in what You say about me. Amen.

Day 3: Trusting God Through the Process

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1–3

Devotional:

Years later (7.5 years to be exact), all the tribes of Israel came to David and finally recognized him as king. They remembered how God had chosen him and how he had led them in the past. At last, God's promise came fully into place. But this is important: David didn't skip the process or rush the journey. Instead, He trusted God through every season: shepherding as a boy, hiding from Saul, waiting on God's promise, leading Judah, and now *finally* leading all Israel. A heart after God doesn't just wait on the outcome, but it trusts that the process God uses to get us there is just as important. The process *shaped* David into a wise, humble, and faithful leader. If David had become king too early, he might not have been ready for it. Trusting God means believing that even the slow parts, the hard parts, and the confusing parts are still part of God's good work in us. God doesn't just care about where He is taking you, He also cares about who you are *becoming* along the way!

Discussion:

1. What is something in your life that feels slow or hard right now that might be part of God's process?
2. How can trusting God change the way you think about difficult seasons?

Prayer:

God, help me trust Your process in my life. Even when things feel slow, remind me You are shaping me for good. Amen.

Day 4: Trusting God with the Promise Fulfilled

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 5:4–5

Devotional:

By 2 Samuel 5, God had done *exactly* what He promised - David was king! This moment shows that God *always* keeps His word. A heart after God trusts not only in the waiting and the process, but also in the fulfillment.

David didn't have to make the outcome happen, it was God who brought it to pass. When God fulfills His promises, it's clear that it wasn't human effort alone. It was God's hand all along. David's story reminds us that trusting God is never wasted. Every delay had purpose, every obedient step mattered, every difficult season had prepared him to become king. A trusting heart can look back and say, "God was present and faithful all along."

And the same is true for us! God is trustworthy with our past, present, and *future*.

Activity: "David's Journey Map"

Draw a simple "journey map" across the paper with 3 stops. Label the stops: Stop 1: God's Promise (Samuel anoints David), Stop 2: Waiting Time (David is not fully king yet), and Stop 3: Promise Fulfilled (David becomes king over all Israel). At each stop, talk through what happened. Finish by tracing the whole journey together and saying: "God is trustworthy in every step of the journey."

Prayer:

God, thank You for always keeping Your promises. Help me trust You in every season of my life. Amen.

Memory Verse

**"The Lord does not look at the things people look at.
People look at the outside of a person.
But the Lord looks at what is in the heart."**

1 Samuel 16:7b

