

# Battles of The Christian Life – Part 3

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## A journey through the life of David

1. The battle of BELIEF
2. The battle of the DISBELIEF of others
3. The battle of believing in YOURSELF
4. The battle of doing what others EXPECT
5. The battle of DISDAIN
6. GOLIATH Battles
7. The battle of DISAPPOINTMENT

Our key texts remind us of our goal...

### **1 Samuel 13:13-14**

“You have done a foolish thing, ” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord’s command.”

### **Acts 13:22**

After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’

### **1 Timothy 6:11-12**

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

### **2 Timothy 4:7-8**

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## The battle of false accusations

- David loved Saul and was loyal to him, yet Saul accused him of trying to steal his kingdom from him

## The battle of waiting

- David, like Joseph had to wait many years for his promise to come true (15 or more years and then another 7 1/2 before he reigned over both kingdoms)

## The battle of discouragement

### **1 Samuel 22**

**22:20** But one son of Ahimelek son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled to join David. **21** He told David that Saul had killed the priests of the Lord. **22** Then David said to Abiathar, “That day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, I knew he would be sure to tell Saul. I am responsible for the death of your whole family. **23** Stay with me; don’t be afraid. The man who wants to kill you is trying to kill me too. You will be safe with me.”

## The battle of anger/revenge

- Twice David could have had his revenge on Saul (1 Samuel 24 & 26)
- David was spared from acting in anger against Nabal (1 Samuel 25)

## The battle of depression

### **1 Samuel 30**

**30:3** When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. **4** So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep. **5** David’s two wives had been captured—Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. **6** David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

Even more so when Absalom was killed

## The battle of transition

2 Samuel 3

**3** The war between the house of Saul and the house of David lasted a long time. David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.

## The battle of difficult people

**2 Samuel 3:39**

**39** And today, though I am the anointed king, I am weak, and these sons of Zeruiah are too strong for me. May the Lord repay the evildoer according to his evil deeds!"

## The battle of Failure

- He could have given up when things went bad with the Ark of God, but he didn't

## The battle of wisdom/direction

**1 Samuel 23**

**23** When David was told, "Look, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and are looting the threshing floors," **2** he inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go and attack these Philistines?"

## The battle of sexual immorality

2 Samuel 11 New International Version (NIV)

David and Bathsheba

**11** In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

**2** One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, **3** and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." **4** Then David sent

messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. **5** The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, “I am pregnant.”

**26** When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him.

**27** After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.

### The battle of grief/loss

#### **2 Samuel 12**

**18** On the seventh day the child died.

### The battle of unanswered prayer

### The battle of correction and discipline

#### **1 Kings 1**

**5** Now Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith, put himself forward and said, “I will be king.” So he got chariots and horses ready, with fifty men to run ahead of him. **6** (His father had never rebuked him by asking, “Why do you behave as you do?” He was also very handsome and was born next after Absalom.)

*David seems to have consistently avoided the issues of discipline and correction with his sons. (Amnon, Absalom, Adonijah) and in fact leaves much of that work to Solomon*

### The battle of betrayal

David was betrayed by his own son. Jesus was betrayed by one of the 12

### The battle of passing the baton

#### **2 Samuel 19**

**34** But Barzillai answered the king, “How many more years will I live, that I should go up to Jerusalem with the king? **35** I am now eighty years old. Can I tell the

difference between what is enjoyable and what is not? Can your servant taste what he eats and drinks? Can I still hear the voices of male and female singers? Why should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king? **36** Your servant will cross over the Jordan with the king for a short distance, but why should the king reward me in this way? **37** Let your servant return, that I may die in my own town near the tomb of my father and mother. But here is your servant Kimham. Let him cross over with my lord the king. Do for him whatever you wish.”

**38** The king said, “Kimham shall cross over with me, and I will do for him whatever you wish. And anything you desire from me I will do for you.”

## **1 Kings 2**

**2** When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.

**2** “I am about to go the way of all the earth,” he said. “So be strong, act like a man,

**3** and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses.

Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go **4** and that the Lord may keep his promise to me: ‘If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.’

The battle of finishing well

## **Samuel 22 New International Version (NIV)**

### **David’s Song of Praise**

**22** David sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. <sup>2</sup> He said: “The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; <sup>3</sup>my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—from violent people you save me. <sup>4</sup>“I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and have been saved from my enemies.

<sup>17</sup> “He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters.

<sup>18</sup> He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.

<sup>19</sup> They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the Lord was my support. <sup>20</sup> He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

<sup>22</sup> For I have kept the ways of the Lord; I am not guilty of turning from my God. <sup>23</sup> All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees.

<sup>29</sup> You, Lord, are my lamp; the Lord turns my darkness into light.

<sup>31</sup> “As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord’s word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him. <sup>32</sup> For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God?

<sup>33</sup> It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.

<sup>47</sup> “The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Savior!

<sup>51</sup> “He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever.”

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