

Delayed By Design
1 Sam 16:1, 13 - 2 Samuel 5:5

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Key Verse: Habakkuk 2:3

But these things I plan won't happen right away. **Slowly, steadily, surely**, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, **wait patiently**, for it will surely take place. **It will not be delayed.** (Habakkuk 2:3)

I. God declared his **dream** for David. (1 Samuel 16:1)

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1. David is **anointed** king over Israel. (1 Sam. 16:13)

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 upon David in power.**

2. David is **appointed** armor-bearer to Israel's king. (1 Sam. 16:21)

David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and **David became one of his armor-bearers.**

3. David is **awarded** a commission in Israel's army. (1 Sam 18:5)

Whatever Saul sent him to do, David did it so successfully that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the people, and Saul's officers as well.

II. God **delayed** his dream for David. (2 Samuel 5:3-5)

When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a compact with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. **David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years.** In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

1. God used the delay to expand David's faith. (1 Sam 17:45)

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

2. God used the delay exercise David's patience. (1 Sam 18:10-11)

Saul had a spear in his hand and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

3. God used the delay to examine David's hope. (1 Sam 24:4)

The 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.

III. God designed the delay of the Dream. (1 Sam 16:19-20)

Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul.

1. David faced demanding circumstances by design. (1 Sam 17:36)

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.

2. David faced difficult choices by design. (1 Sam 18:1-2)

After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. 2 From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house.

3. David faced dangerous calamities by design. (1 Sam 23:14)

14 David stayed in the desert strongholds and in the hills of the Desert of Ziph. Day after day Saul searched for him, but God did not give David into his hands.