



CORNERSTONE REFLECTION GUIDE

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Title: David: In the Waiting

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Scripture: 1 Samuel 24:1-6

David knew God had called him to be king—but that promise didn't come to pass quickly. Around **15 years** passed between David's anointing and the moment he finally took the throne. David faced 15 years of uncertainty, running, hiding, and trusting that God was still at work.

We often think of faith as a belief we hold—but Scripture shows us that faith is meant to shape how we live. The life of David in 1 and 2 Samuel offers us a vivid picture of what faith looks like in real time: not only in great victories, but also in the long stretches of waiting.

Last week, we looked at one of the fruits of faith: **courage**.
This week, we focus on another: **patience rooted in trust**.

In 1 Samuel 24, David has the perfect opportunity to take matters into his own hands. Saul—the king trying to kill him—falls right into the cave where David and his men are hiding. David can end the threat and get the crown, but instead of seizing power, he chooses restraint. He refuses to harm the one God had appointed for that season. David waits—trusting that the promise would be fulfilled in God's timing.

David shows us that waiting well is not passive—it's a courageous act of faith.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stuck out to you about this sermon? Was there an idea that was particularly meaningful or challenging for you?
2. What temptations or pressures do you experience when you feel stuck? How might you hand those over to God instead of acting on them?
3. Think of a time you received a blessing or achieved success the wrong way. How did it make you feel?
4. David refuses to harm Saul because he recognizes God's authority over Saul's life (1 Samuel 24:6). How does choosing to honor God influence how we treat those who are difficult or even hurtful?
5. What practical steps can we take to honor God in moments of frustration, fear, impatience, or temptation?

WEEKLY PRACTICE

This week, identify an area in your life where you feel like you're "in the cave"—waiting for God to move, provide, or bring clarity. Write it down and reflect on the following questions:

- What would trusting God's way look like in this season?
- What step of faith, patience, or obedience can I take today?
- How can I honor God and others while I wait?

End each day with this truth: ***While I wait, God is at work, shaping my character, strengthening my faith, and preparing the way ahead.***