

PASTURE TO PALACE

LESSON 5

Overview:

We want to provide the story of David in (5) parts with HUGE CLIFF HANGERS to end each of the 4 parts with the 5th part having a big finale.

For this series to be received well by the children while also leaving them hungry for more it's important that we teach with the story at the beginning and the Cliffhanger at the end. Feel free to adjust the rest based on your teaching style.

- Story
- Highlight scripture
- Object Lesson
- Life Application
- Cliffhanger

Teachers Note:

All the necessary teaching material will be provided below the quick overview.

Additionally, the object lesson will be provided but feel free to adjust it based on your age group.

Preface:

- The account of David's life has much for us to pull from and apply to our lives. You see many themes, from the value of honoring the Lord to the price of sin.
- We are going to focus on the perseverance that David showed during the process of him going from being a shepherd boy to being a mighty man of valor to eventually being king of Israel.
- Perseverance, simply put, is the ability to **Keep Going!**
- He persevered through: Goliath, Saul hunting him (Multiple times), Betrayal, Falling into sin with Bathsheba and killing her husband, and Being exiled and betrayed by Absalom.
- The key was he didn't let any of those single events hold him back from what God had called him to do. His life was not pretty. It was not all put together. But through it all, God still used him to lead Israel.
- We aim to plant into the heart of each person listening, this simple truth. **It is impossible to fulfill what God has for you without perseverance.**
- Hebrews 10:36 tells us: For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise.
- Endurance and perseverance are needed to obtain the promises of God.
- Many people, children and adults alike, give up too early and miss what God has for them.
- We all need to **Keep Going** and attain what God has for each of our lives.

Quick Overview

1. Keep going through the process.

Scripture reference: 1 Sam 16:12 - 1 Sam 17:49a

Cliff Hanger: 1 Sam 17:49a David slings the stone at the giant then...

2. Keep going through adversity.

Scripture reference: 1 Sam 18:8-10 24:5-20

Cliff Hanger: 1 Sam 26:8 David has his 2nd opportunity to kill Saul

3. Keep going even when you feel alone.

Scripture reference: 1 Sam 30:6 David encouraged himself in The Lord.

Cliff Hanger: David sends Uriah to the battle field

4. Keep going when you make mistakes.

Scripture reference: 2 Sam 12:7 Nathan calls out David's sin and David repents.

Cliff Hanger: 2 Sam 15:12-13 Absalom betrays David his father.

5. Keep going even when things look bad.

Scripture reference: 2 Sam 18:9

2 Sam 7:8 Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.

Conclusion: The key to get to the palace from the pasture is to keep going and never give up.

Lesson 5

Keep going even when things look bad.

Scripture reference: 2 Sam 18:9



Story:

David still has to pay the natural consequences of his sin, God tells David that “the sword will never depart from his house, his house will not be at peace” and soon after, David’s OWN SON STEALS the KINGDOM from David.

We see that even though we make mistakes, the path forward is to call on the Lord, repent, and then keep moving forward. Because of David’s sin, Absalom, his son, rises up, betrays him, and forces David to flee the kingdom.

Absalom gathers the advisors in Israel and begins to plan his attack on David.

2 Sam 15:12-14 Absalom betrayed David, his father. Absalom gathers the advisors in Israel and begins to plan his attack on David.

After some back and forth between Absalom and the advisors Ahithophel and Hushai. Hushai defends David by providing advice that protects David.

Absalom decides to gather all of Israel together and pursue after David and take him out.

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While David is fleeing, God sends him provisions (food and animals to ride on and stuff to drink) not only does God send him supplies once, but He sends them again just before David's army fights against Absalom.

David's army overtakes and kills Absalom, This is very difficult for David to hear, the enemy that he is fighting is his own SON.

After the death of Absalom, David returns to Israel and continued his reign there.

We see that through everything that tried to stop David from fulfilling that call that God placed on his life, he decided to keep going.

Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. 2 Sam 7:8

We see that God is the one who placed him in the Palace. His mistakes and challenges set him back but didn't take him off course.

Highlight Scriptures :

2 Cor 4:7-9

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

Gal 6:9 - Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Life Application :



David went through challenging circumstances, not just before being king but after being king as well. David facing Goliath was just the beginning of extremely difficult situations he was going to be faced with.

David was faced with the following:

- Saul, the King of Israel, tried to kill him multiple times
- Fleeing from his home and spending years on the run with his family in the desert.
- His entire family being kidnapped, and his men wanting to kill him.
- His best friend was killed in a battle David wasn't there for.
- Making a HUGE MISTAKE by taking something that wasn't his.
- Repenting from his mistake, His son Absalom rebelling against him and succeeding in stealing the throne for a short time.
- Seeing his son be killed because of his rebellion.

We see that Paul endured and dealt with many issues and negative situations during the course of his ministry.

He wrote 2 Cor 4:7-9 ERV 7 We have this treasure from God, but we are only like clay jars that hold the treasure. This is to show that the amazing power we have is from God, not from us. 8 We have troubles all around us, but we are not defeated. We often don't know what to do, but we don't give up. 9 We are persecuted, but God does not leave us. We are hurt sometimes, but we are not destroyed. As a follower of Christ, we need to have some "grit", a refusal to give up and keep pushing forward.

Gal 6:9 ERV We must not get tired of doing good. We will receive our harvest of eternal life at the right time. We must not give up. For us to fulfill the plan God has for each of us, we must KEEP GOING.

We didn't begin our journey of eternal life on our own power, and we won't continue on our power.

No matter what comes at us in life, we have Jesus Christ's strength and power readily available for us to get through:

Philippians: 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength. When we don't quit and keep going, we begin to realize how much more we are capable of beyond what we can imagine because of the power of God moving through us!

Confess this over ourselves:

WE WILL NOT BE BROKEN

WE WILL NOT COWER

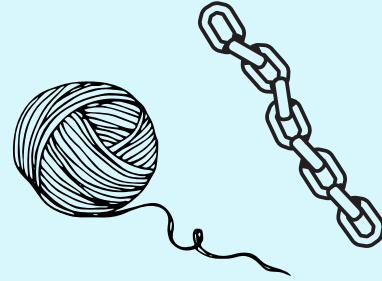
WE WILL NOT QUIT

WE WILL RELY ON GOD

The problems we face are tiny compared to God's solutions.

JUST KEEP GOING!

Object Lesson (Supplies Provided)



Get a Chain and a strand of yarn.

A person who is willing to give up is like the yarn, when the trials of life hit them (Use scissors on the yarn.) it breaks and they will fail to do what God wants of them.

The person who refuses to quit is like the chain, it doesn't matter how many times the scissors try to cut through the chain, it won't break.

Conclusion:

Perseverance is required to get to where God wants you to go. The key to get to the palace from the pasture is to keep going and never give up.