

Our Journey to Promotion

2 Samuel 7:8-9 (ERV)

⁸ “You must say this to my servant David: ‘This is what the Lord All-Powerful says: I chose you while you were out in the pasture following the sheep. I took you from that job and made you the leader of my people, the Israelites. ⁹ I have been with you every place you went. I have defeated your enemies for you. I will make you one of the most famous people on earth.

Promotion speaks of being **raised** in rank or position.

Promotion is the process of **elevating** an individual's position within an organization or career, based upon their skill or performance.

Promotion also speaks of going from a current situation to a **desired** situation.

King David's life is a great case study of a journey to promotion.

I.

God has **chosen** all of us to do a specific work for Him.

1 Samuel 16:1 (NIV) says, “The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have **chosen** one of his sons to be king.”

God uses different **criteria** for promotion than people do.

1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV) says, “But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Sometimes God chooses the **least** likely people to do His greatest work.

Consider 1 Samuel 16:10-13

II.

Our journey to promotion may start at **humble** beginnings.

1 Samuel 16:21 (GWT) says, “David came to Saul and **served** him. Saul loved him very much and made David his **armorbearer**.”

Our journey to promotion may include having to **slay** giants in our life.

Consider 1 Samuel 17:48-51

Tests and **trials** are also part of the journey toward promotion.

Consider 1 Samuel 18:6-8

III.

We don't get to determine how long it takes to go from **promise** to promotion.

1 Samuel 16:12 (TLB) says, “So Jesse sent for him. He was a fine looking **boy**, ruddy-faced, and with pleasant eyes. And the Lord said, “This is the one; anoint him.”

2 Samuel 5:4 (NIV) says, “David was **thirty years old** when he became king, and he reigned forty years.”

Our journey to promotion may happen in stages.

Consider *2 Samuel 2:4* and *2 Samuel 5:3*

If we go through the journey to promotion God's way, we will become a model for others to follow.

Consider *2 Chronicles 7:17-18* (Solomon), *2 Kings 18:3* (Hezekiah) and *2 Kings 22:1-2* (Josiah)

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