

Becoming a Woman After God's Own Heart

Weariness in Trials

Lesson 10

Between the time David was anointed as the next king of Israel and the day he would actually wear a crown upon his head was a period of approximately ten years. David did not know he was nearing the end of this long trial and he was tired. He seemed to be tired **in** God's will and tired **of** God's will and wanted to escape to live a life like everyone else. David took his eyes off the Lord, and instead of seeking Him for strength to endure, he went to the land of his enemies knowing Saul would not follow him there.

THE BIG PICTURE

Read 1 Samuel 26-29 for context.

(Questions are from 1 Samuel 27, unless otherwise specified)

David's plan

1. Whom did David seek counsel from in 27:1?
 - What conclusion did he come to?

2. David went to the Philistines to escape Saul.
 - Who were with David?

 - How did David describe himself to Achish?

- What did David request of Achish?

- How long did he live among the Philistines?

Compromise and consequences

1. In what ways did David deceive and lie to Achish?

- How did Achish respond?

2. What did Achish tell David to do as the Philistines prepared for war with the Israelites?
28:1-2

- How did God change the plans Achish had for David? 29:1-7

4. Instead of taking matters into his own hands, how should have David handled his weariness?

Dealing with weariness in trials

1. All believers face weariness and discouragement, even in the middle of God's will. Read the following verses. What instructions do they give and what does the Lord speak to your heart?

- **1 Corinthians 15:58**

- **Galatians 6:9**

- **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

- **Job 23:10-12**

2. What are some practical ways you can minister to others who are weary and discouraged?

PERSONAL DISCOVERIES

How did the Lord speak to you personally about:

1. Making your own plan of escape?

2. Dealing with weariness and discouragement?

3. Remaining faithful to the Lord in long trials?

YIELD AND OBEY

1. What type of circumstance(s) causes you to “lean on your own understanding”?
 - What changes will you make to first acknowledge the Lord so that He will be the One directing your path?

