Who was “You Da David”

Let’s compare 2 passages: I Samuel 16:11-13 and II Samuel 5:1-9

Young David is introduced as a Shepherd. However, he was also a skillful musician. Before he was a warrior or even a confident leader, David was a gifted musician. According to Scripture, he had developed a reputation for his ability to play or make music. This was actually his first introduction to the King.

Consider I Samuel 16:14-23

There are two questions that we could use our imaginations with after reading these texts:

Question #1. What went through David’s mind, when the King sent for him to play?

Question #2. What did everyone expect would become of David, immediately following his anointing by Samuel?

Boy, were they all wrong. No one could have imagined in their wildest dreams the journey that lay ahead of Young David. His transition from Boy to Man was not sweet, but bitter. What seemed like it would be a glorious journey was filled with turmoil and chaos.

**Life Lesson** 17 – God’s Will is not always easy. It includes all sorts of upheaval. We do well to realize that as bad as The Lord allows things to become, they could always be worse. Hint: Just imagine life, if God was NOT with us!

Timeline Issues

Unfortunately, we do not have three key pieces of information concerning the life of David. We know for sure that he became King at the age of 30. We do not know the following:

* How old was David when he defeated Goliath?
* How long did David serve before he was forced to leave?
* How many years did he have to avoid Saul?

**Life Lesson** 18 - We should never underestimate the importance of the formative teen and young adult years. Although young people “think” they are grown, they are not. Major things happen in those years.

For David, he literally lost everything that he valued when he was forced to leave town.

He had become a staple in Saul’s home. His access to both Saul and Saul’s family cannot be overstated. His way of life shifted after Goliath, for the better. And all of that was taken away by the cruel jealous obsession of Saul.

Consider Proverbs 17:17, I Samuel 22:1-4

What a journey!

Life was hard for David during those years. He was forced to live in the wilderness, in caves, and…with the Philistines! Consider I Samuel 23:7-15

As David was on the run, something amazing happened to him. People heard about what he was going through and came to join him. They came without caring about themselves or what their future would be like. They were drawn to him, not because of his cause, but because of his character. It was the way he carried himself in the good times that attracted the loyal friends he would need in bad times.

It turns out that the way David conducted himself in his early years was important to his future. God was using his young days to prepare him for the next season.

**Life Lesson**  19 - The people we interact with in good times could be the people we desperately need in bad times. Consider I Samuel 18:5, 12, 14, 16, Proverbs 18:24

**Life Lesson 20** - God connects some people during (and/for) difficult times. They don’t care what we have, they just want to be part of our lives. And vice versa, God will put us in people’s lives during (and/for) difficult times. Some friendships are predestinated by God. Some good friends are what I like to call “God-Friends.”

The Timelines

Let’s also consider some of the things David endured during the 5-15 years of his life-changing ordeal.

* Chapter 16
  + David in Saul's Service
* Chapter 17
* David and Goliath
* Chapter 18
* David and Jonathan's Friendship
* Saul's Jealousy of David
* David Marries Michal
* Chapter 19
  + Saul Tries to Kill David
  + Jonathan Warns David
* Chapter 21
  + David and the Holy Bread
  + David Flees to Gath
* Chapter 22
  + David at the Cave of Adullam
* Chapter 23
  + David Saves the City of Keilah
  + Saul Pursues David
* Chapter 24
  + David Spares Saul's Life
* Chapter 25
  + The Death of Samuel
  + David and Abigail
* Chapter 26
  + David Spares Saul Again
* Chapter 27
  + David Flees to the Philistines
* Chapter 29
  + The Philistines Reject David
* Chapter 30
  + David's Wives Are Captured
  + David Defeats the Amalekites
* Chapter 31
  + Saul and Jonathan are killed.
* II Samuel Chapter 1
  + David Hears of Saul's Death
  + David's Lament for Saul and Jonathan
* II Samuel Chapter 2
  + Ish-bosheth Made King of Israel
  + The Battle of Gibeon
  + Abner Joins David
* II Samuel Chapter 3
  + Joab Murders Abner
  + David Mourns Abner
* II Samuel Chapter 4
  + Ish-bosheth Murdered.
* II Samuel Chapter 5
  + David Anointed King of Israel

By the time David fulfilled the prophecy he did not look like the chipper young boy-musician. Life had changed him. He was now ….

However, the Psalms suggest that he spent his life writing praises to God. Some of his Psalms are attributed to the Saul years. But, for the sake of this study, let’s read Psalm 145, which is the last one attributed to him.

Think about all that David went through and listen to his heart in these words.

**Life Lesson 21 -**. Life Changes us, but it should not change our love toward God. A good way to guard our hearts is by keeping a praise in our hearts. David’s secret to success was his ability to navigate through the trials and dangers of his world, without losing his joy.

**Life Lesson** 22- It is possible to lose “everything”, except the Joy of the Lord. If you don’t believe this to be true, read any of David’s Psalms and see how they make you feel!

Don’t stop praising God! Consider Psalm 145