

For the week of September 6, 2015  
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# Times of Transition

*3rd week in the series "A Life of Passion: The Story of David."*

**1 Samuel 16:1-23**

Life has many times of transition—times when one chapter ends and another begins. This was true in the life of the nation of Israel when it transitioned from the reign of King Saul to the reign of King David. It is also true in our own lives as well, both individually and collectively, when God transitions us from one important chapter or stage to the next. This morning, we'll be looking at the transition from Saul to David. Hopefully, too, we'll learn some valuable lessons about how God takes us through our own painful transitional times.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Have you ever gone through a painful time of transition? If so, what was it? If not, describe the painful transitional time of someone you know or perhaps have read about in scripture.
2. What makes it so difficult to let go of the past and move forward? Why does the pain of the past frequently have so much power to control us?
3. Similarly, why are our fears about the future often so intimidating? Why do we have such difficulty trusting that God wants to move us forward in a good direction?
4. David is called "a man after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22). What exactly does that mean? In what ways is your own heart either like or unlike David's?
5. Why do you think God sometimes turns our times of transition into lengthy chapters of their own? Why doesn't God always move us forward quickly and painlessly from one chapter of life to another?