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# A Crowned Heart

## 2 SAMUEL 5

### Lean In

1. Share about a time when you had to wait for something to happen. What was it and was it worth the wait?

### Look Down

Read 2 Samuel 5

2. What had David's life been like since he was first anointed by Samuel?
3. Why did all the tribes come to David (v.1-3)? What was the basis of recognizing David as their ruler (v.2)? What do you learn from David who waited for seven years and 6 months to unite the people of Northern Israel and Judah (v.4-5)?
4. Who were the Jebusites as portrayed in Judges (Judges 1:21, 19:10-12. See also Exodus 23:19-25; Joshua 15:63)? Considering these verses and their words to David in 2 Samuel 12:6, what was their reputation? How does David react despite what he knew of them?
5. How did David succeed in taking the stronghold Jerusalem, and why? (6-10) How important was it for Israel to have a capital city?
6. Why was David able to defeat the massive armies of the Philistines when Saul could not (v.19,23)? Who did David credit for the victory? Where else have you seen David give such credit for his battle (i.e. 1 Samuel 17:46)? What can we learn how battles are won?
7. What political platform and profile in courage can you gather from the king's "first 100 days" in office?
8. What significance for a revived Israel do you see in David's action, prayers, speech, removal of pagan idols, and obedience to God?

### Look Out

9. Who's example of waiting patiently has inspired you the most? In what ways?

### Look In

10. "*God is never in a hurry...*" Which promises of God are you still patiently waiting to see fulfilled in your lifetime?
11. Consider all David went through after being anointed by Samuel and before his ascension. Was it worth it? How do you decide if trials you undergo —big and small, long and short —are worth it?
12. "*We have to deal freshly with God...*" In what area(s) of your life are you tempted to rely on yesterday's manna instead of dealing freshly with God?
13. If you had absolute assurance that 'the Lord was with you,'
  - How would your coming week be affected?
  - What fears would dissipate?
  - What new mission would you take on?
  - What old habits would you break?