

And David Went On

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[2 Samuel 5:10](#) And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

I. And David went on...

A. He was on a journey of life, and one has to keep moving.

1. That's the way life is – to be living is to be moving.
2. Life is always associated with a river, not a pool of water, but moving water.
3. There is more to learn, to experience, and to feel, than we have time in this life to do – our time runs out before the new ground does.
4. A river runs in one direction only – it never runs backward.
5. If we do not keep going forward our life will become stagnant and it will be pitiful instead of inspiring and wonderful.
6. David went on... when things were terrible he went on, AND when things were comfortable and wonderful, he went on.
7. When things were discouraging and difficult he did not despair and think of giving up.
8. When he was sitting on top of everything he did not settle in and make himself comfortable and stop living and looking ahead.
9. Life is not all peace and good and neither is life all trouble and bad – unless you stop moving.
10. He never thought he had arrived at his peak, or the point of perfection where he could just sit down and stop – to keep living we must always press on.
11. When the eyes of our soul are opened and we can really see we always have a vision for the future.
12. It is when we stop seeing ahead and become blind that we stop moving and grow stagnant and self-centered and useless to God and others.

B. This does not mean that we are to move around from one *place* to another and keep changing our surroundings – that is contrary to truly going forward in life.

1. Unless we stay where we belong we do not develop the relationships and establish the testimony that makes our life mean something to us and to others.
2. Consider the fact that David had the same people around him for almost his entire life.

C. To go on with life is to mount the difficulties and disappointments, as well as the victories and face them with the grace of God and learn their lessons, receive their blessings, and look forward with anticipation.

1. This is exactly what David did throughout his life; when he was down and persecuted, and when he became the king of Israel.

D. As a Christian it is one of the fundamentals of being a child of God – we go on, no matter what happens, or what does not happen.

1. We go on, with the sure knowledge that God is in control and that the future is brighter and brighter for the child of God.
2. There are times when we do not know how to go on, but somehow, we do.
3. A true child of God has the life of God in him and he never, never gives up and stops making progress.

II. David grew great...

- A. It was not by his will and his design, but it was something that just happened in the process of “going on.”
 - 1. David never set out to “be” great.
 - 2. David would have been a happy man out in the wilderness with those “few sheep.”
 - 3. But when all Israel came to Hebron to make David the king there were 348,000 military along with all the rest of the people.
 - 4. There were festivities and ceremonies for three days while all the people rejoiced that the shepherd boy was finally the king of God’s people Israel.
- B. He “grew” great...he did not one day “become” great.
 - 1. It was something that happened with time – a lot of time.
 - 2. It can about slowly through mistakes of his own, hardships, and injustices suffered at the hands of others.
 - 3. He grew great because of his unfailing trust in God and his lifelong habit of immediately running to God for guidance and help and answers.
- C. David grew great in the sight of others, as they watched him, and got to know him, and what he was like, and how he treated people.
 - 1. When he shared with others his knowledge and experience with God in his life.
 - 2. David grew great in the sight of his enemies, and the enemies of God – they learned to respect him and fear him.
 - 3. David grew great in the sight of the other nations –

1 Kings 5:1 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

- D. David’s greatness was not just an opinion that people had toward him – he really was great.
 - 1. In every way – in war, in peace, in influence, in godliness and righteousness, and in his testimony for the Lord.
 - 2. He was a very great man because his influence over others was positive and godly and righteous.
 - 3. He was a great man because he kept God at the forefront of every decision and every battle and every blessing.
 - 4. He was a great man because as the king, he truly cared for the people and viewed himself as appointed by God as a servant to the people of God.

III. And the LORD God of hosts was with him...

- A. This is the secret to all true greatness – to have the Lord on your side.
 - 1. The secret to having the Lord on YOUR side is for you to be on HIS side.
- B. What David did to secure the blessings of God on his life is available to all the rest of us, as well.
 - 1. He trusted God, always.
 - 2. He acknowledged and consulted God, always.
 - 3. He obeyed what God told him, without putting his own oar in.
- C. To know God is with you gives you confidence in every situation.
- D. To know God loves you and favors you and will protect you gives courage and strength for any battle.
- E. If the Lord is with you then those that know anything about you after you are gone will be able to say that you “went on” in every defeat and victory you encountered in life.