

It's About Time

When have you had to wait for something longer than you wanted?

Read 2 Samuel 5:1-25.

1. When would you have expected David to be crowned King of Israel?
 - A. Right after Samuel anointed him (1 Samuel 16:13).
 - B. Shortly following David's defeat of Goliath.
 - C. Once he married King Saul's daughter, he was in the family.
 - D. Reading the story it seems David will be killed before becoming king.
 - E. Never.
 - F. Soon.
 - G. Once King Saul died, Jonathan would make David king in his place.
 - H. About a year after successfully ruling just the one tribe of Judah.
 - I. Other.

2. Why would David be a good king over all 12 tribes of Israel?
 - A. He wouldn't.
 - B. He had so many military victories—he was a tough guy!
 - C. Saul had no more living sons to replace him as the next king.
 - D. Samuel previously anointed David to be the next king.
 - E. David had a unifying influence and was popular with so many people.
 - F. He wrote such awesome songs/psalms.
 - G. The tremendous wisdom he had.
 - H. The tremendous passion he had.
 - I. Other.

3. What was involved in the covenant for David to become king (vs. 3)?
 - A. The leaders of the people had to agree to it.
 - B. David had to agree to it.
 - C. Promises were made.
 - D. God had to give His blessing.
 - E. It was put to a vote.
 - F. A vow to unselfishly put others first.
 - G. A fresh commitment to follow God's law.
 - H. This involved taking a risk.
 - I. Other.

4. Is 30 a good age to become king?
- A. Yes.
 - B. No.
 - C. It depends on your maturity.
 - D. It depends on your trust in God and your reliance upon Him.
 - E. Based on all of David's experiences, he was ready.
 - F. It should be based on character rather than age.
 - G. At the age of 30 I expect to _____ (or at 30 I was _____).
 - H. Other.
5. What happened in Israel once David became king?
- A. Peace throughout the land.
 - B. Positive interactions with other nations.
 - C. Some people threatened to revolt.
 - D. Establishing a capital city and building a palace.
 - E. Taxes increased to pay for the king's expenses.
 - F. More marriages and more children.
 - G. David attacked all of his enemies.
 - H. Other.
6. What do you do when God doesn't act as quickly as you'd expect?
- A. Pray.
 - B. Get input from others.
 - C. Get frustrated.
 - D. Try harder.
 - E. Wait patiently.
 - F. Quit.
 - G. Take risks for God.
 - H. Other.
7. When is time on your side? When does it seem time is not on your side?
8. What is God doing in your life right now that could be preparing you for something later?