

New Life

End

the act of stopping

Finish

the final part of a race

Do we want an end or do
we want to finish

Hebrews 12:1b

...let us run with perseverance
the race marked out for us...

Perseverance:

A steady and continued action,
usually over a long period and
especially despite difficulties

I want to finish!

What do I need to finish?

David

The youngest brother, a shepherd boy, a musician, a giant slayer, a man of God, a husband, a dad, a warrior, a guy that did not always get it right, and a king



The year was approximately
1040BC

Saul has become king of Israel

Saul reigns from about
1040BC-1000BC -- *40 years*

David comes on the scene in about
1025BC

Samuel anoints David to be king of
Israel in 1025BC

David kills Goliath around 1020BC

David is in King Saul's service

David becomes real active as a
commander in the army

Around 1010BC things become
very different

1 Samuel 18:10b-11

Saul had a spear in his hand and he
hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin
David to the wall." But David
eluded him twice.

1 Samuel 18:21a

“I will give her to him,” he thought,
“so that she may be a snare to
him...”

1 Samuel 19:1a

Saul told his son Jonathan and all
the attendants to kill David...

1 Samuel 19:10-12

Saul tried to pin him to the wall
with his spear...

1 Samuel 19:11a

Saul sent men to David's house to
watch it and to kill him in the
morning...

1 Samuel 20:30-31

Saul's anger flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, "You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don't I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you? As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now send and bring him to me, for he must die!"

1 Samuel 26:2

Saul went down to the Desert of Ziph, with his three thousand chosen men of Israel, to search there for David.

1 Samuel 27:1

David thought to himself, "One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul..."

About 1000BC Saul dies and David becomes king over a portion of Israel

Saul's son, Ishbosheth, remains in power of the other portion of Israel

In 993BC David becomes king over the entire country

He was moving with God and
at times his life was trying,
confusing, and hectic

Psalm 7

Vs 1-2

O LORD my God, I take refuge in you; save and deliver me from all who pursue me, or they will tear me like a lion and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me.

➤ LORD – Yahweh – self existent all powerful God

➤ My God – personal

➤ Refuge – I can trust you – you provide great protection

➤ Save – to be saved in the battle

➤ Deliver – to be released from

How can we finish when life is trying, confusing, and hectic?

#1

Reaffirm your relationship
with God

Vs 3-4

O LORD my God, if I have done
this and there is guilt on my hands--
if I have done evil to him who is at
peace with me or without cause
have robbed my foe--

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#2

Reassess your own walk

Vs 5

...then let my enemy pursue and overtake me; let him trample my life to the ground and make me sleep in the dust. *Selah*

Vs 6

Arise, O LORD, in your anger;
rise up against the rage of my
enemies. Awake, my God;
decree justice

Vs 7-8

Let the assembled peoples gather
around you. Rule over them from on
high; let the LORD judge the
peoples. Judge me, O LORD,
according to my righteousness,
according to my integrity, O Most
High.

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#3

Request that God be noticeably active in your life

Vs 9-16

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#4

Remind yourself of the truth

Vs 9

O righteous God, who searches minds and hearts, bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure.

- God is righteous
- God knows hearts and minds
- God can bring an end to the evil
- God will make secure the righteous

Vs 10

My shield is God Most High, who
saves the upright in heart.

- God is my shield
- God saves the upright in heart

Vs 11

God is a righteous judge, a God who expresses his wrath every day.

- God never makes a wrong call
- God is making calls everyday

Vs 12-13

If he does not relent, He will sharpen His sword; He will bend and string His bow. He has prepared His deadly weapons; He makes ready His flaming arrows.

- God is the ultimate warrior

Vs 14

He who is pregnant with evil and
conceives trouble gives birth to
disillusionment.

- The wrong path is filled with lies
and false promises

Vs 15

He who digs a hole and scoops it out falls into the pit he has made.

- The wrong path is filled with self dug holes

Vs 16

The trouble he causes recoils on himself; his violence comes down on his own head.

- The wrong path is filled with self inflicted violence

Vs 17

I will give thanks to the LORD
because of His righteousness and
will sing praise to the name of the
LORD Most High.

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