

When Your Dream Dies

2 Samuel 7

How do you respond when life doesn't turn out as you hoped? What do you do when your dream dies? Some people mourn the dream. Some try to force the dream. David provides a healthy example of how to respond.

God says “No” to David’s plan to build a temple (2 Samuel 7:1-17)

- “I want to build a temple where people can worship God” (1-3)
- “No, that’s not part of my plan for you” (4-7)
- “Someone else will fulfill the dream” (11b-16)

As good, lofty, honorable, and God-glorifying as it was, David’s dream is dead. How will he respond?

After David worships God, he can accept God’s answer (2 Samuel 7:18-29)

- David thanks God for his blessings (18)
- He praises God for the promises that await him (19)
- David worships God for his character (22)
- He praises God for choosing Israel (23-24)
- David accepts God’s answer (25-29)

David submits to God’s plan and finds other ways to serve (1 Chronicles 22)

- David passes the dream on to Solomon (6-13)
- He provides the resources (3-5, 14) and the skilled personnel (2, 15-16) for Solomon to build the temple
- David challenges Solomon and the leaders of Israel to keep the big picture in mind (19)

When God says “No”

- Worship him
- It may not be discipline or rejection; it may be redirection
- It means he has something better in mind
- Find out what God has called you to do
- Support his plan with humility and cooperation