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KING DAVID'S SMALL START

King David ruled forty years, but his beginning was small. Saul, who also reigned forty years spent much time hunting down David to kill him. Because of that, David fled Jerusalem and settled in Hebron, an ancient city about twenty miles southwest of Jerusalem.

While Saul still ruled over Israel in Jerusalem, David ruled as king over the city of Hebron. He started with a very small army of three hundred misfits. As time went by, more misfits fled their situation to join David. He ruled the southern part of the tribe of Judah from Hebron for seven and a half years until Saul died in battle.

With Saul gone, the elders of Israel sought out David and asked him to be king over all Israel, which he accepted. He then reigned over all Israel for nearly 33 years, making it a total of forty years altogether.

The prophet Samuel had anointed David to be king quite some time before he went to Hebron. It may have been several years in waiting. Even when David did eventually take rule in Hebron it was just a small start in God's plan for him. It took over seven years before he came into the fullness of God's plan.

This often happens to us as well. God has a plan that does not develop right away. It might even take several years before you begin in that journey. Then once it does begin, it might take several more years for it to fully develop just as it did for David.

Do not be discouraged. Do not give up. As long as you are faithful, God will get you on your destined path. And, if it seems small or insignificant, stay with it faithfully. He will bring you into the fullness of His destined goal for you.

You must be faithful. Be diligent. Do not give up. Relentlessly pursue whatever it is that He has put in your heart.

Think of all the wonderful psalms we would have missed out on if David had given up his call simply because Saul was trying to steal his life from him. Do not let Satan steal yours!