

In the Scripture, David was anointed to be the next king of Israel at the age of 17. After this incredible promise was given to him, David did not go to the palace for a coronation; he went back to the shepherds' fields. He was anointed, but not appointed. He had to pass the test of being faithful taking care of sheep. He had to pass the test of being good to King Saul even though Saul was trying to kill him. David didn't take the throne until he was 37. It took 20 years for him to take the throne, for him to be prepared for where God was taking him.

So don't get discouraged by the preparation process between the time God puts a dream in your soul and spirit, and the time it comes to pass. If you maintain the right attitude, every struggle you go through, every disappointment, every loss, every delay is making you stronger, developing your character, growing you and maturing you. Pass those tests, because it is an essential part of your preparation.

James 1:12 "...Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him..."