

David enjoyed seasons with good breaks and open doors. But he says that what enlarged his life was when he was hard pressed. It was through the times when his family didn't believe in him, when King Saul was jealous and trying to kill him, chasing him through the desert for years. He endured many situations that weren't fair, including his own son trying to kill him and take the throne from him. But here is the key: He used that pressure as fuel for his faith. He didn't get bitter and give up when his dream looked impossible. He saw it as healthy pressure that was developing him, growing him up, with greater character, proving to God that he was ready to lead the people.

You don't really know who you are until you are put under pressure. You don't know your true character until it is tested in the fire of adversity. Stop letting the pressure from a situation or person defeat you, make you sour, give up on your dreams. If you keep the right perspective, you will be able to say: "God brought me into a spacious place."

Psalm 118:5 "When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD; He brought me into a spacious place."