



Business Leadership Group Discussion & Application Guide

Phil Tuttle, 6 Choices Every Leader Faces—Session 1 of 3

How did God turn a young shepherd boy into the greatest king of all time?—Phil Tuttle

Phil begins by mentioning the fact that when we face “the Crucible” of adversity, we often think that something is “wrong—that we are either abnormal, or the trials are abnormal. How does that compare to scripture? [Consider the verses below that Phil referenced discuss with your group]

Phil notes 6 choices that David had to make: 1. image or character; 2. fear or faith; 3 **circumstances or God’s truth**; 4. deception or integrity; 5. arrogance or humility; and 6. disappointment or expectancy. All are important; but why do you think Phil chose choice # 3 as the primary focus for our audience? [Please make your reflection as personal as possible; vs. generalizations, the discuss with your group]

In light of Phil’s story, have you ever fallen into the trap of focusing on the circumstances for red light/green light direction when a deep dive into God’s word {or simple obedience to a familiar truth} would have saved you from a big mistake? [share your thoughts with your group]

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2. Can I commit to a schedule to implement this application? [explain and discuss with the group, if necessary]

Comment:

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1:2-5 NIV



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“When you are both afraid and jealous of someone, that is a real bad combination.” Phil Tuttle

Phil focused on a time when King Saul was in a terribly vulnerable position, relieving himself in a cave, within reach. David could have determined that God had delivered the king at that moment for Saul’s death. What do *you* think constrained David?

Phil states: “God’s process is almost always different than we expected. God’s timing is almost always slower than we hoped.” Many who have walked with God experience this. Why do you think this is so common?

What do you think David gained by waiting on God? How does that apply to us as leaders?

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Scripture reference: 1 Samuel 18:12-16; 24:3-7; 26:7-12; 2 Samuel 5:1-5

4b Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. 5 Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. 6 He said to his men, “The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD’s anointed, or lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the LORD.” 7 With these words David rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way. 1 Samuel 24:4b-7

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Phil gives the background & circumstances of his ascendancy to leading Walk Thru the Bible. How did Phil’s circumstances parallel King David’s ascendancy to leadership? [share with your group]

“So, what about you? What is the biggest decision you are struggling with right now?” Are you confident you will base your decision on God’s truth and not circumstances? [discuss with your group]

Phil closes with a prayer for all to have the courage to live our lives, build our homes & businesses by Biblical principles, rather than circumstances. What application of the truths Phil just taught do you think is most relevant to running a company for Christ?

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He chose his servant David. He took him from the sheep pens. He brought him from tending the ewes that had lambs so that David could be the shepherd of the people of Jacob, of Israel, the people who belonged to the LORD. With unselfish devotion David became their shepherd. With skill he guided them.

Psalms 78:70-72 GW

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