

Reading Report

A Tale of Three Kings by Edwards, Gene

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In this book, the author paints a rough charcoal sketch of submission and authority within the kingdom of God. A young shepherd boy became a king. Later on, he became an old king, and his son Absalom became a King after. King David went through all the hardships and difficulties, mostly under King Saul's madness and power. He learned that authentic kingship is. Finally, he would seek what the will of God fulfilled in his life.

When God put David in his spiritual school, he began facing stresses and presses from unknown circumstances. God led him to see through all the problems in Israel. Nothing was in an accident in his life. I think his learnings began from tending his father's sheep. He was a leader over all the flocks in which he could be a shepherd, a warrior, and a king. Today, we rarely see that our environments are ready to bear many fruits. I grew up in church environments. In my high school year, I remembered one episode that I made a mistake in decorating our church inside and outside for Christmas. My preacher made me nervous and discouraged when he saw many nails on the ceilings and walls. The preacher disliked it and ordered me to dismantle and fix it. That hurt my heart forever. However, I learned that I didn't have enough respect and honor for him. Believe it or not, showing my submission to him was not easy but challenging.

David learned the submission from the hardships. He did not challenge to take away kingship from King Saul. No matter what happened in his life, David did not follow worldly judgment but godly. In the wilderness, he had a chance to revenge on his enemy, King Saul. But David did not kill him at that moment. Saul was out of mind to kill David when he considered David as his archenemy. However, David felt guilty feelings for it. It's because God anointed Saul as King.

That reminds me of what happened to my church. Sometimes, senior members invited me to their house. They shared the history of our church ministry for many years. They

told me not because I was somebody, but I had the skill to fix their house's stuff. They prepared excellent food to talk to together after I finished the job.

Surprisingly, many missionaries left our mission field, New York, which God had given them, and pursued their vision and idea for the future. I wondered what causes them to do that. Anyway, I learned that submission is crucial to surviving in my life. There were always reasons to do it. I think at that time, those reminded of what David did in the Bible. Could David be King by himself or by man even if God anointed him at his young age? Eventually, David bore himself to fulfill God's will.

Years ago, I discussed my ministry with my Pastor David. I had a small group that I took care. My family felt the burden of our life. Even though he did not give us a clear direction, he understood our situations. However, I accept it and let it go. After that, I kept praying for the ministry and people. In other words, there was no visible progress. However, it was the right decision that I could bear as many as I took. After that, God provided me a decent job to support my family.

It is hard to say that I experienced submission, but it was evident that God wants everyone who is in his spiritual school to learn the proposal.

Finally, David teaches us that we should seek the kingdom of God. His submission comes from God. We are all like sheep gone astray, but God, who is Shepherd, leads us to his right way step by step. I pray that I may trust in Him more and follow the footsteps of David, a servant of God in my life.

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