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In the course of time, David inquired of the Lord. "Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?" he asked. The Lord said, "Go up." David asked, "Where shall I go?" "To Hebron," the Lord answered. —2 Samuel 2:1

After approximately seven difficult years in the wilderness, the season finally changed with the death of King Saul. David came out of the desert at about thirty years of age. Upon hearing of Saul's death, his first response might have been, "At last, I can be king over all Israel!" His men jumped to this assumption. They cried with a sense of relief, "David! You're finally king. Let's move in." But David did the unexpected thing. He sought God's heart. He demonstrated what people who are intimate with God do before making big decisions. An open door in the natural stood before him, but he refused to enter it without the direct leading of the Lord. Beloved, this is how we must behave! Just because things seem to be falling together doesn't mean the right time has come. We must sense in our spirits and discern if an open door is of God or if it leads down a false path. The Holy Spirit will give us wisdom about this at the time of decision.

{ PRAYER STARTER }

Father, as You lead me from place to place, from season to season, give me clear vision and focused thinking so that I can only move through doors that You have opened for my life.

**We must never think we can advance
willy-nilly without seeking the
Lord's heart for a situation.**