

# 1 Samuel 18:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired.**

David's pleasure at the arrangement - even knowing its dangerous requirement - reveals his confidence in God's protection. The phrase 'the days were not expired' indicates a deadline for completing the bride-price, adding urgency to an already dangerous mission. David's positive response may reflect genuine desire to marry Michal, recognition of the political advantage, or confidence that God would preserve him as He had against Goliath. What Saul designed as an impossible death trap, David received as an achievable challenge. Faith transforms perspective on impossible circumstances.

## Historical Context

Time limits on bride-price completion were common, preventing indefinite delay. The deadline intensified the danger by requiring rapid military action. David's acceptance bound him to attempt the mission regardless of its risks.

## Related Passages

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## **John 3:16 — God's love and salvation**

## **Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment**

## **Romans 2:1 – Judging others**

## Study Questions

1. How does faith transform your perception of seemingly impossible challenges?
  2. What does David's eager acceptance of dangerous tasks reveal about his confidence in God?

## Interlinear Text

וְיֵדָה	בְּדָבָר	בְּאָלָה	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל	אָתֶה	עָבֵדְךָ	וְיִדְעָה	וְיִתְּבָרֵךְ	וְיִתְּבָרֵךְ
<b>told</b> H5046	<b>And when his servants</b> H5650	<b>David</b> H1732		<b>these words</b> H1697			<b>it pleased</b> H3474	
וְיִתְּבָרֵךְ	בְּאָלָה	בְּפָעַל	לְהַתְּמִיכָה	וְיִדְעָה	בְּעֵינֵי	בְּדָבָר	וְיִתְּבָרֵךְ	וְיִתְּבָרֵךְ
<b>these words</b> H1697	<b>David</b> H1732		<b>son in law</b> H2859		<b>well to be the king's</b> H4428			<b>well to be the king's</b> H3808
מְלָא	בְּתִימִים	בְּתִימִים	מְלָא					
<b>were not expired</b> H4390	<b>and the days</b> H3117							

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