



# REFLECTIONS

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**These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.**

*Revelation 3:7*

## Life's Disappointments

Sometimes things just don't work out. The job we wanted, the trophy we sought, the relationship we chased, or the house we dreamed of just doesn't happen the way we hoped. Some things are just not to be—at least not the way we dreamed them.

God opens doors that invite us to pursue a dream, but He also closes doors that leave our dreams short of the desire we had for them. We should not feel alone. God also closed doors for some of his most significant people. Just look at Moses.

God opened and closed doors on Moses throughout his life. He opened a door when He spared his life in a basket. God closed a door when He expelled Moses into the desert from his position of royalty. Surely it was one of life's disappointments. And God was not through. God opened another door when He called Moses to lead his people to the Promised Land. Yet after leading them to the destination, God closed the door and He never allowed Moses to enter.

Then look at King David—what a champion for God! God opened doors to make him king and what a king he was. David loved God. He talked about God; he wrote about God, and he danced about God. David dreamed of recovering the Ark of the Covenant from the enemy and then to build a great temple for God to house it. The Ark was recovered, but God closed the door when David wanted to build the temple. Another of life's disappointments.

Apostle Paul longed to plead his case before the powers in Rome. He finally made it there, but he never dreamed he would arrive bound in chains.

Sometimes things just don't work out. But God's plans always do. The Hebrew's reached the Promised Land, Solomon built the temple for the Lord, and Paul had an audience in Rome. None of the dreams were fulfilled in the manner the dreamer had hoped, but they honored God in the pursuit of them.

And when we honor God, there is no disappointment.

*"You are the light of the world."*

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