

DAVID PART I

I Samuel 16:7b
...for the Lord seeth not as man seeth;
for man looketh on the outward appearance,
but the Lord looketh on the heart.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!
I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Samuel 16:7b

Time: _____

Read – I Samuel 16:1-18

Examine –

1. What was Samuel doing over Saul?
2. Who was he to go and see?
3. What was Samuel worried about?
4. Why did Samuel say he had come to the town?
5. Along with the town, who specifically did he call to the sacrifice?
6. Who did Samuel think he would anoint and why?
7. On what did God tell Samuel not to look?
8. On what does man look?
9. On what does God look?
10. How many sons passed before Samuel?
11. Who was not there and why?
12. What did Samuel want them to do?
13. What was the physical “looks” of David?
NOTE: The word “ruddy” means red.
14. What came on David?
15. What departed from Saul?
16. What troubled him?
17. What did they want to find to help with the evil spirit?
18. What was the description of David here? (6 things)

Apply-

If someone described you, what would they say?

Are you more concerned about your outward appearance or your heart?

If it is your outward appearance, is it truly for testimony or for men’s approval?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Samuel 16:7b

Read – I Samuel 16:19-7:7

Examine – David, anointed king, is still keeping his dad's sheep. This shows his humility!

1. Where was David serving?
2. Who wanted him?
3. What was Saul's initial attitude towards David?
4. In what position was David put?
5. What did David play?
6. What happened to the evil spirit when he played?
7. How does the Bible describe Saul when David played?

NOTE: This shows the role music plays in people's emotions and the spirit world. Notice the evil spirit would "depart" and Saul would be "refreshed." Also, David, not a wimp, played a musical instrument. There is nothing sissy about being musical!

8. Who comes to fight the Israelites again?
9. Where did each army position themselves?
10. Who was their "champion"? How tall was he?
11. What was on his head?
12. How much did his coat weigh? (Equal to about 125 pounds)
13. What was on his legs?
14. What was between his shoulders?
15. What did the tip of his spear weigh? (Equal to about 15 pounds)
16. What does he say his spear was like? (Equal to 2 – 2 ½ inches diameter)
17. Who went before him?

Apply-

How are your work habits for your parents?

How are your music habits? Does your music refresh you and honor God?

What a giant! Sometimes what our eyes see scares us to death, but we must look to God instead of the surroundings!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Samuel 16:7b

Read – I Samuel 17:8-29

Examine –

1. What did Goliath want them to do?
2. What would the winners do to the other group?
3. What did he do to the armies of Israel?
4. What was the reaction of Saul and the army?
NOTE: “Dismay” means “complete loss of courage, utter disheartenment.”
5. Who, of Jesse’s sons, were in the battle with Saul?
6. What was David doing?
7. How many times total did Goliath present himself?
8. What was David to do for his father?
9. When does David get up?
10. What does he do with the sheep?
11. What was happening when David arrived?
12. As David was talking with his brothers who came out?
13. What did the army of Israel do?
14. What were the men talking about as Goliath appeared?
15. What is David’s focus as he discusses Goliath?
16. Who got mad at David?
17. Of what two things did he accuse David?
18. What two questions does David ask?

Apply-

I am convinced that David’s attempt to do something about the problem was an embarrassment to his brother. His brother had not done anything about the giant, but he accused David of wrong motives. I can promise you that if you try to do something great for God, people will criticize you because your life will be a rebuke to them. Will you determine that there is a cause in Christ and He is worth “fighting” for? (Stand up for God!)

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Weekly memory verse – I Samuel 16:7b

Time: _____

Read – I Samuel 17:30-54

Examine –

1. Who heard about David's speaking to the people?
2. What did David purpose to do?
3. What did Saul say to David?
NOTE: One author says, "To engage with him is to throw away a life which may better be reserved for more agreeable services. *Thou are but a youth*, rash and inconsiderate, weak and unversed in arms: he is a man that has the head and hands of a man, *a man of war*, trained up and inured to it *from his youth*." None of this deterred David – He pressed on.
4. What two animals did David kill and why?
5. Verse 45 gives insight to why David wants to do this. Does he mention the reward?
6. What did Saul try to put on David?
7. What had David not done with this armor?
NOTE: The word "assayed" means "to undertake to do or begin."
8. Did David wear the armor?
9. What did David carry into the battle?
NOTE: A "script" is a "bag or a pouch!"
10. What was the reaction of the Philistine when he saw David?
11. What did the Philistine ask if he was and why?
12. What did the Philistine do to David?
THINK: Imagine the thoughts, words, and actions of the men in the army during this!
13. What does Goliath say he will do to David?
14. With what does David say Goliath comes to him?
15. With what does David say he is coming to Goliath?
NOTE: The reason David is fighting is at the end of verse 45!
NOTE: "Lord of host" is literally "Jehovah of the Armies!"
16. What would David do and why was he going to do this?
17. What did David do in verse 48 as the giant moved toward him?
18. Where did the stone strike?
19. What happened to the giant?
20. What did David not have?
21. Whose sword did David use to kill him?
22. What did the rest of the Philistines do?
23. What did the Israelite army do?
24. After they beat them what did they do to their tents?
25. What did David do with the armor of Goliath?

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Apply-

There is so much in this story. Imagine what David's brothers might have said about him before and after Goliath fell.

There were plenty of men that day that could have won that victory because the victory was not David's; it was God's!

The phrase "but a youth" is used several times in this passage. The word "youth" means "a lad, a boy or a servant." There are those that believe your age dictates what you can and cannot do for God, but FAITH is what does that -not age!!!!

David had a relationship with God, and he wanted to protect God's name. The odds seemed bad for most people, but David knew that God (not he) would prevail. What giants do you have in your life?

Is God able to overcome those things? Will you claim this by faith?

What impossible thing will you attempt for your God?

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Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Samuel 16:7b

Read – I Samuel 17:55-18:11

Examine –The next few verses tell us a lot about what kind of leaders Saul is!

1. What does Saul want to know?
2. What is Abner's response?
3. When David returns, who does he appear before?
4. What does Saul want to know of David?

NOTE: Why didn't Saul recognize David? Some say he knew who he was but wanted to know his family connections. Others say David rarely served Saul and may have grown since the last time he served. I find both unconvincing since David had to be close to Saul to play for him and be his armor bearer. Saul had to know David's family to send for him at the beginning. *My opinion:* Saul was a poor leader who did not care for or recognize those around him. They were just necessary items in a kingdom rather than people with feelings and needs. I think we see this as he pursues David as an enemy.

5. Who loved David after this incident?
6. Where could David no longer go?
7. What did Jonathan give to David?
8. How did David behave himself?
9. What two groups of people accepted him?
10. Who met the men as they came from war?
11. What did they say about Saul?
12. What did they say about David?
13. What was Saul's reaction to this?
14. What returned to Saul?
15. What did Saul try to do to David?

How many times did David avoid this?

Apply-

Jealousy can destroy any relationship. Saul had the opportunity to kill the giant, but he did not act by faith. Are you a jealous person?

When people give you jobs, do you behave wisely?

Do others think highly of you?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Samuel 16:7b

Time: _____

Read – I Samuel 18:12-30

Examine –

1. Why was Saul afraid of David?
2. Over what did Saul put him?
3. What was the second reason Saul was afraid of him?
4. What was the people's attitude about him?
5. What was Saul going to give him?
6. Who did she marry?
7. Who loved David?
8. Why did Saul want to give her to him for his wife?
9. Who did Saul involve in his plot?
10. What was David's problem?
11. What did Saul want for a dowry?
12. Why did he want this?
13. What was David's reaction to this?
14. How many did David kill of the Philistines?
15. Not only was God with David but what else did Saul observe?
16. What did Saul become continually to David?
17. What was the result of David's behavior?

NOTE: The phrase "much set by" means "highly esteemed."

Apply-

Everyone who comes in contact with David seems to like him (Except Philistines and Saul). He carries himself so well that others are attracted to him! What kind of people do you attract?

Who are your enemies?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Samuel 16:7b

Time: _____

Read – I Samuel 19:1-24

Examine –

1. What did Saul want people to do to David?
2. Who told David about the plot?
3. What did Jonathan say to his father about David?
4. What was Saul's response?
5. Did the relationship look like it had been restored?
6. What came back to Saul?
7. Who was playing?
8. What did Saul try to do?
9. Who told David this time about the plot?
10. How did David get out?
11. How did Michal make it look like David was there?
12. To whom did David run?
13. Where did David go to live?
14. When Saul sent people to kill David what happened to them?
15. How many groups did he send to get David?
16. Who finally went to get him?
17. What happened when he arrived?

Apply-

Saul is so bent on destroying David "his enemy" that he involves lots of other people. The fact that his own children are helping David shows us what kind of person he was.

You never sin by yourself; you always take others down with you.

How is your influence on others?

Do you use that for good or evil?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

DAVID PART II

Proverbs 28:25

He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife:
but he that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:25

Time: _____

Read – I Samuel 20:1-23

Examine –

1. To whom does David talk?
2. Why does Jonathan believe Saul (his father) will not get to David?
3. What is David's concern and how close is death in David's opinion?
4. What feast was tomorrow?
5. Why did David want leave of the feast?
6. How long would he hide in the field?
7. What are two ways Saul might respond?
8. What does David remind Jonathan of in verse 8?
9. Where did they walk and talk?
10. Would Jonathan tell him either way?
11. How long did Jonathan want the covenant to last between him and David?
[How did David fulfill this promise?]
12. How does the Bible describe Jonathan's love for David?
13. After three days, to what stone will David come?
14. How many arrows will he shoot?
15. Who will go get the arrows?
16. What will be the "sign" as Jonathan talks with the lad?

Apply-

It is so comforting to have a friend that you can share things with and get their help. The uniqueness of this is that Jonathan is the son of the enemy. Do you have a friend who will help you when times are hard?

Have you thanked them lately for being a good friend?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:25

Read – I Samuel 20:24-42

Examine –

1. Whose place was empty at the table?
2. Why did Saul think that David was not there?
3. Who does Saul ask about David and when?
4. Did Jonathan answer the way they had agreed upon?
5. What was kindled against Jonathan?
6. What does Saul say about Jonathan's mother?
7. By Jonathan choosing David it was to his own _____ according to Saul.
8. By David living what would not be established for Jonathan?
Now it is in the open – Jonathan was heir to the throne, but he knew God had anointed David and was ok with that. Saul, on the other hand, could not understand!
9. What did Saul want Jonathan to do? What was Saul going to do?
10. What was Jonathan's appeal to his dad?
11. What did Saul try to do now?
12. What did Jonathan now know? (This is pretty obvious)
13. When did Jonathan go to the field?
14. Did the lad know what was going on?
15. What did Jonathan tell the boy to do?
16. How many times did David bow to Jonathan?
17. As the two men met, what did they do?
Some have suggested that David and Jonathan had an "immoral" relationship, but even understanding today's Middle Eastern culture will disprove this. The men greet each other this way. This was the last quality time they spent together. Jonathan remained loyal to his dad, and it cost him his life.

Apply-

The sins of pride and jealousy can cause a man to curse his wife and try to kill his son. Are you a proud person? Are you so jealous that you cannot see clearly?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:25

Read – I Samuel 21:1-15

Examine –

1. Where did David go? Who was there?
2. What was unusual about David's appearance?
NOTE: Since David was supposed to be one of Saul's chief men, it would be rare for him to travel alone or with such a small party.
3. What did David tell him?
OPINION: David was trying to protect the Priest by not telling him the truth, but this would cost dearly in the next chapter.
4. What did David want him to give them?
5. What kind of bread was it?
6. What did the priest want to know about the men?
7. Who overheard this conversation?
8. What did he do for Saul?
9. What else did David want from the priest?
10. What sword did he give him?
11. Where did David go? Who was the king there?
12. Of what do the servants of this King remind him?
13. What was David's response to these words?
14. What did he do to "get out of there"?
15. Did it work?

Apply-

David is officially on the run and will be until Saul's death. Others are entangled in the web of deceit and jealousy, and people will begin to die because of it. Although David was running from his enemy, are you running from God?

What or who will pay for your lack of submission to God?

Saul could have admitted he was wrong and helped David do what God wanted him to do, but he did not do this.

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:25

Read – I Samuel 22:1-23

Examine –

1. Where did David go after this?
2. What 4 groups of people joined him there?
3. How many men total joined him there?
4. Who did David ask to keep his father and mother?
5. How long were they there?
6. Who warned David to move?
7. Where did he go?
8. Where was Saul and who was with him?
9. What did Saul offer to his servants to “tell” on David?
10. Who “tells” on David?
11. What three things does he say that the priest did for David?

Circle the one the Bible does **not** say the priest did for him.

12. What does Saul ask the priest?
13. What does Ahimelech bring to Saul’s attention?
14. Did Ahimelech know that David had “rebelled” against the king?
15. What did Saul say would happen to the priest?
16. What did he tell the soldiers to do and why?
17. Did they obey him?
18. Who did kill them?
19. How many priests did he kill?
20. What else did he destroy?
21. Who escaped?
22. How does David respond?
23. Where does Abiathar stay?

Apply- People may stab you in the back. Remember to respond properly.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:25

Read – I Samuel 23:1-29

Examine –

1. Who did David fight with at Keilah?
2. Who gave him permission to do it?
3. What kind of “spoil” did they get from the battle?
4. What did Saul gather to go against David?
5. What did David want to know from God?
*How awesome to have the God of all flesh who sees all and knows all be on your side!
6. How many men are now with David? In what wilderness?
7. Who continued to deliver David from Saul?
8. Who came to David?
9. What did he do for David when he got there?
10. What did Jonathan say God would do for David?
11. Who would rule beside David?
12. Who knew this as well?
It is rather humorous that Jonathan could find and spend time with David, but Saul could not. The people must have known that Jonathan could be trusted, and God certainly did. What a man Jonathan was! Give us more loyal, faithful men!
13. Who told Saul of David’s location?
14. Saul told the people that David dealt very _____.
15. Where was David by this time?
16. What saved David from Saul this time?
17. Where did David dwell after this?

Apply-

Is God on your side? If so, there is victory for you. If you are against God, you cannot win. God will protect those who do right and serve Him. It was not easy to live in the wilderness and run all the time, but God was caring for them. He will do the same for you!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:25

Read – I Samuel 24:1-22

Examine –

1. How many men did Saul bring to capture David?
2. Where did Saul go to sleep?
3. Who was in the cave but Saul did not know?
4. What did David's men want to do to him?
5. What did David do?
6. Why would David not kill him?
7. After Saul left, what did David do?
8. How did he show reverence to him?
9. The rumors are that David wants to kill Saul, but what evidence does David offer to Saul that this is not true?
10. Who will David allow to settle this?
11. What does David call himself in verse 14?
12. Who will deliver David?
13. What did Saul do when he heard David?
14. How had David rewarded Saul even though Saul had treated him wrong?
15. What did Saul admit to David in verse 20?
16. What commitment did Saul want from David when he becomes king?
17. Did David commit?
18. Where did David go?
19. Where did Saul go?

Apply-

I wish this was the end of Saul's pursuing of David, but it is not. We can learn some principles from this, however: 1. We should always honor God-ordained authority (even when they are wrong). 2. We will reap what we sow. 3. When we take a stand, others will follow.

Which one of these principles did you need today and why?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:25

Read – Review

Examine –

Write ten principles that God showed you this week from the stories and how you can apply them to your life.

Principle	Verse	Application

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

DAVID PART III

Proverbs 29:11

A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 29:11

Read – I Samuel 25:1-17

Examine –

1. We open the passage with whom dying?
2. Where was David?
3. What man is mentioned in verse 4?
4. How many sheep did he have? Goats?
5. What was he doing in Carmel?
6. How does the Bible describe his wife?
7. How does the Bible describe him?
8. Define Churlish –
9. How many men did David send to him?
10. What were they to ask him?
11. How did Nabal answer them?
12. What was David's response to this?
13. How many men did David have at this point?
14. What did the servants tell Abigail?
15. What was their opinion of David and his men?
16. In verse 17, what description does he give about Nabal?

Apply-

If someone were to describe you, what would they say?

Can people approach you with things or are you too stubborn to listen?

Don't be a hard person to deal with!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 29:11

Read – I Samuel 25:18-44

Examine –

1. How does the Bible describe Abigail's movements?
2. List the items in the feast she prepared:
3. Did she tell her husband? Who did she meet in the way?
4. What was David thinking at the point he met her?
5. What was he going to do with all the men of Nabal's?
6. What did she do when she came near to David?
7. On whom did she want the iniquity blamed?
8. How does she describe her husband?
9. What did she ask in verse 28 for David to do?
10. Was she aware of what was happening in David's life and about his future?
NOTE: If you look back at verse 10, so did Nabal!
11. How does David respond to her? Did he listen to her advice?
12. What was Nabal doing when she came back?
13. What was his condition?
14. When did she tell him about David's intentions?
15. What happened to him when she told him? How long before he died?
16. Who avenged David according to David?
17. What happened to Abigail?
18. What happened to Michal (David's wife)?

Apply-

No Bible account better illustrates both sides of Proverbs 15:1 - "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." I wrote "I Samuel 25" beside it in my Bible! What kind of answer do you give? Do you always have to ...be right? ...get the last word in? ...say something cutting? ...speak your mind? Ask God to forgive you, or you may become like Nabal!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 29:11

Read – I Samuel 26: 1-25

Examine – Back to the story of Saul chasing David – he never learns!

1. How many men are with Saul?
2. How did David know that Saul was there?
3. Who was captain of Saul's host?
4. Where were the people in relation to Saul?
5. Who went with David into the host?
6. What did he (the man who went with David) want to do to Saul?
7. Why did David not want to do this?
8. What were the options for his death according to David?
9. What did they take with them?
10. Why were they so sound asleep?
11. Where did David go?
12. Who did he call when he got there?
13. How did David mock Abner (That is what I believe he was doing)?
14. What did Abner deserve because of this?
15. What did Saul recognize?
16. What does David want answered once again?
17. How does David refer to himself?
18. What was Saul's response?

NOTE: We have heard this before! (See the end of I Samuel 24)

Apply-

Saul has proven repeatedly that his word cannot be trusted. Can you imagine what his men must be thinking? Some of these had watched the whole thing unfold – they must be sick to their stomachs. How is your word?

Do the people that really know you get sick when they hear you talk with hypocritical words?

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Praise: _____

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Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 29:11

Read – I Samuel 27:1-28:2

Examine –

1. Of what was David afraid?
2. Where did he go?
3. Who went with him?
4. Did David's plan work?
5. What did David ask of Achish?
6. What city did he give him?
7. How long was David there?
8. Who did David invade?
9. What did he take?
10. Where did he tell King Achish he had gone?
11. Why did he not leave anyone alive in the city?
12. Did the King believe him?
13. What did the king believe as a result of this?
14. Did David want to fight with Achish?
15. Who would they be fighting?
16. Did Achish believe David was on his side?

Apply-

We could argue whether David was right or wrong about deceiving Achish, but one thing is true – things are not always as they appear. As we will learn tomorrow, weird things can happen to make things appear real. We must have discernment! Proverbs was written to give us that discernment (1:4) Run to the WORD for help!

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 29:11

Read – I Samuel 28:3-14

Examine –

1. Whom had Saul put away?
2. What was Saul's response when he saw the enemies' army?
3. Who did Saul ask counsel?
4. Did he get an answer?
5. What three things did he try?
6. What was Urim?
7. What did Saul want his people to find?
8. Did they know of one? Where was she?

NOTE: Saul's servants appear to have learned how to hide things and be dishonest. If he had eliminated these people from Israel, how did his servants so easily know of one?

9. What did Saul do?
10. What did the woman initially say to them?
11. What did Saul (whom she did not know) promise to her?
12. Who did Saul want brought up? Did it happen?
13. What was the woman's response to him?
14. What did she see?
15. How did Saul respond to Samuel?

Apply-

I cannot totally explain this story as to what happened and why God allowed it, but it did happen. This begs the question: How does the King of Jehovah's people fall so far that he is using witchcraft to get answers to questions?

How far will you fall?

No one sets out to be in this position, but when we refuse to obey God and allow sin to run our lives, there is no telling where we will end up. Where will you end up?

The news is not good, but that will have to wait for tomorrow!!

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Praise: _____

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Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 29:11

Read – I Samuel 28:15-29:11

Examine –

1. What did Samuel want to know?
NOTE: This term means to disturb.
2. Who was departed from him?
NOTE: After all Saul has been through, he is still using his own reasoning to get answers. It was ok to do wrong if there was a good reason was his though and this never changed!
3. What else does Samuel add?
4. Samuel was not better than God so why is Saul asking him? (You can only guess at this, but it should make you think)
5. What had God done to his Kingdom? To whom was it given?
6. Why had God done this?
7. What does Samuel say will happen tomorrow to:
Israel – Saul – His sons –
8. What did Saul do after he heard this?
9. Why was there no strength in him?
10. What did the lady want to do for Saul? What was his initial response?
11. Who compelled him to eat? What did she fix him?
12. What time was it when this happened?
13. Who did not want David to fight with the Philistines?
14. Why?
15. To whom did Achish listen? Where did David go and when?

Apply-

OBEDIENCE –Saul’s heart issue. He did not obey God’s commands and will not repent. I believe God is giving him another chance, but he refused. (This is illustrated throughout Scripture.) Do you obey what God has asked of you? Maybe this devotion is another chance God is giving you. If you refuse, what will the long-term effect be?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 29:11

Read – I Samuel 30:1-31

Examine –

1. When David and his men returned home what did they find?
2. Who had invaded their home? Who had they taken?
3. What did David and his men do?
4. What did the people speak of about David?
5. What did David do when things looked rough?
6. Who did David ask about his plans?
7. What was God's message to David about the things taken?
8. How many men went with David?
9. How many men could not keep going? Why?
10. Who did they find in the field? What did they give him?
11. What happened when he ate?
12. How long had it been since he ate? With whom was this guy traveling?
13. Had they just raided David's city?
14. What would the guy do in exchange for his life?
15. What were they doing when David and his men arrived?
16. What did David do to them?
17. How many escaped?
18. Was anything lacking of their stuff?
19. What did some of the men want to do to those who did not fight in the battle?
20. To whom did he send presents? (generally)

Apply-

When everyone turns on you, turn to the Lord. David did this, and God not only encouraged him but gave him a battle plan as well. God can do the same for you if you will turn to Him. Will you trust God for all your disappointments?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

DAVID PART IV

Ezekiel 18:32

For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD:
wherefore turn *yourselves*, and live ye.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Samuel 31

Examine –

1. Who is fighting against Israel?
2. Why do you think Israel is losing the battle? (Review last week!)
3. Who died in v.2? (List by name)
4. How was Saul wounded?
5. What did Saul ask his armor bearer to do?
6. Why did Saul make this request?
7. Did Saul's armor bearer do what he asked?
8. How did Saul die?
9. How did Saul's armor bearer respond to Saul's death?
10. Why do you think Saul's armor bearer killed himself?
11. How did the Israelites respond to Saul's death in v. 7?
12. What did the Israelites forsake? Who inhabited them?
13. What were the Philistines doing when they found Saul's body?
14. Where did the Philistines publish the news of Saul's death?
15. What did the Philistines do with Saul's armor? His body?
16. From what city were the men who took down Saul's body?
17. How does the Bible describe these men?
18. Why do you think this city had such respect for Saul? (Give Scripture)

Apply-

Sin hurts you and your loved ones. The result of Saul's disobedience was his own death and the death of his sons, including Jonathan, a man of great character who feared God. Who will be affected by your sin?

The Philistines glorified their gods whom they thought had defeated Israel's God in this battle. Is sin in your life giving the world around you a reason not to trust in God?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 1

Examine –

1. From verse 1, who had David just defeated? How long did David stay in Ziklag?
2. What had the man from Saul's camp done to his clothes and his head?
3. What did this signify?
4. What news did he bring David? What two people did he specify?
5. What did David ask him in verse 5?
6. According to verses 8, what was this man?
7. What did the Amalekite take from Saul to bring to David?
8. What was David's reaction in verse 11-12?
9. What did David ask the Amalekite in verse 14?
10. How did David refer to Saul?
11. What did David do to this man for killing Saul?
12. What did David teach the children of Judah?
13. What did David say was slain? Who had fallen?
14. Why did he not want it published in the land of the Philistines?
15. What did David say about Jonathan's bow and Saul's sword?
16. How did he describe Saul and Jonathan?
17. Why did he tell the daughters of Israel to weep?
18. For whom was David distressed? What does David call him in verse 26?
19. How did David describe his love for Jonathan?
20. How does David describe Saul and Jonathan in verse 27?

Apply

Though Saul had repeatedly tried to kill him, David continued to honor Saul as the Lord's anointed king of Israel. David did not rejoice at Saul's death. He mourned for him. Are you respectful to your authorities even when you disagree with them?

Do you encourage others to respect authorities or encourage their complaining?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 2:1-17

Examine –

1. What did David ask the Lord?
2. What was God's answer?
3. What city did he go to?
4. Who did David take with him?
5. Who came to David in verse 4?
6. What did they do to David?
7. What news did they tell David in verse 4?
8. Why did David bless the men of Jabeshgilead?
9. What did David encourage them to do in verse 7?
10. Who was Abner?
11. Who did Abner make king of Israel?
12. How old was Ishbosheth?
13. How long did he reign?
14. How long did David reign over Judah?
15. Where did Abner and Joab meet?
16. Who was Joab (In relation to David)?
17. Who won the battle that day?

Apply-

David gets direction from God each step of the way, but conflict still follows him. We sometimes think that when a victory is won, there will be no new ones to fight. However, David will find that to not be true. Will you be strong and “fight” for God?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 2:18-32

Examine –

1. How many sons of Zeruiah were there?
2. Who were they?
3. Who was the fast one of the bunch?
4. Who did he go after and how?
5. What did Abner want him to do?
6. Did Abner want to kill him?
7. What reason did he give?
8. Where did he smite him?
9. What happened to him?
10. What affect did this have on others in the battle?
11. What time of day was it in verse 24?
12. What stopped the battle?
13. What did Abner and his men do after the battle?
14. How many of David's men died?
15. How many of Abner's men died?
16. Where was Asahel buried?
17. What did Joab and his men do?
18. When did they arrive at Hebron?

Apply-

Apparently Asahel did not have any armor on as he ran after Abner. It is always dangerous to engage in a fight without being properly protected. Ephesians 6:10-18 tells us to put on our armor – are you armed today?

If a battle happens this week, will you go into the battle unprotected?

Did you last week?

The result could be deadly!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 3:1-21

Examine –

1. How is the war described in verse 1?
2. What was happening to David?
3. What was happening to Saul? (Referring to Saul's house)
4. What did David have in Hebron? How many?
5. Who made himself strong for the house of Saul?
6. What did Ishbosheth accuse Abner of doing?
7. How did Abner respond?
8. What would he do for David?
9. What could Ishbosheth not do and why?
10. What message did Abner send to David?
NOTE: It appears that Ishbosheth is just a puppet king while Abner really rules it all.
11. What was David's requirement to make a league?
12. Where was she now? What did her current husband do?
13. What did Abner say to him?
NOTE: The guy does nothing (that is recorded) wrong and appears to love her, but Saul's choices hurt another family. Their sons (there is disagreement about this - I Sam. 21:8) are without their mother. Sin has far-reaching consequences! How far will yours reach?
14. Who did Abner talk to about David being King?
15. How many men did Abner bring with him to Hebron?
16. What did David do for him?
17. What was Abner going to do for David?
18. How did David send him away?

Apply-

How far will sin take you? How many people will be affected? Doing things God's way is always best!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 3:22-39

Examine –

1. Was Joab present when David made peace with Abner?
2. What did they bring in?
3. Was Joab pleased with David?
4. What accusation did Joab make against Abner?
5. What did Joab do when he left the king?
6. Was David aware of this?
7. What did Joab do to Abner?
8. Why did he do this?
9. What did David declare when he heard about the murder?
10. What did the king and all the people do?
11. What did David do as a sign of mourning for Abner?
12. What is a bier?
13. How did he die?
14. What did David not do until the sun went down?
15. What did the people know as a result of all this?
16. What did he think of Abner?
17. What was David this day though he was anointed King?
18. What would happen to the sons of Zeruiah?

NOTE: See I Chronicles 2:15-17 to see the relation between David and these men.

Apply-

Bitterness reigned in Joab's heart, and he purposed to get Abner for what he had done. David on the other hand had forgiven Abner for all that he had gone through. Remember that Abner was part of Saul's army that chased him for years. Will you forgive or destroy?

Is it your right to hurt others because of past offenses? Ephesians says to forgive as God forgave us. Purpose to allow God's forgiveness to rule your heart!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 4:1-12

Examine –

1. What was Ishbosheth's reaction to Abner's death?
2. What was Israel's reaction?
3. Who had a son according to verse 4?
4. What happened to him?
5. When did this happen?
6. What is his name?
7. What position did these two men in verse 5 hold? (Verse 2)
8. What time of day was this?
9. What did they act like they were doing?
10. What did they do to the Ishbosheth?
11. To whom did they bring the head?
12. What did they call Ishbosheth when they presented to David the head?
13. What story does David relay to these guys?
14. What does David call Ishbosheth?
15. What did they do to them? (3 things)
Did they hang the bodies or just the hands and feet? (list references)

Apply-

We are quickly introduced to Jonathan's son in this passage. The main part deals with men who thought by killing the king they would earn David's favor, but just as the man who claimed to kill Saul learned, David was not a man of revenge but of mercy. However, these men paid the price for their sin immediately. David called Ishbosheth a righteous man. One author stated that this showed David's love for Saul's family though Saul hunted him. David demonstrated to the people that he indeed was a fair man and ready to rule. How do you handle your enemies? What could people learn about you if they watched you interact with those who wronged you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

DAVID PART V

Proverbs 27:10a

Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not;

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 27:10a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Samuel 5:1-25

Examine –

1. Who came to David? Where did they come?
2. What had David done for them in the past?
3. What did they do to David in verse 3?
4. How old was he? How many years did he reign?
5. What two cities were his capitals?
6. What city thought that David could not conquer them?
NOTE: The idea was that the city was so strong the blind and lame could defend it. “The blind and lame” came to represent all David’s enemies! (Bible Knowledge Commentary (OT), p 461)
7. What two other names is this city given in verse 7?
8. According to I Chronicles 11:6, who went up first into the city?
9. What did David build around the city?
10. Who was with David?
11. Who helped David build a house?
12. What did David perceive about his kingdom?
13. What did David “collect”?
14. Who heard that David was King in Israel?
15. Who did David ask about the battle, and what did He say?
16. What did they leave behind?
17. What did David do to them?
18. What did God have David do differently in the second battle?
19. Did this battle plan work?

Apply-

“Get your orders from Headquarters” is a famous statement, and David lived by it even after becoming King. As a result, God established him as King. Where do you get your orders?

Yourself? Peers? Money? Satan? God is the only logical choice!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 27:10a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 6:1-15

Examine –

1. How many men were in David's elite army?
2. What was the purpose of the day?
3. How did they carry the ark?
4. From whose house were they bringing it?
5. Who was accompanying it?
6. According to Exodus 25:11-15, how was it to be carried?
7. What was David and Israel doing?
8. What did the oxen do to the ark? Who touched it?
9. What did God do?
10. What was David's attitude about God?
11. What question did David ask about the Ark?
12. Who stored the Ark? How long was it there?
13. What happened to his house as a result of the Ark?
14. In verse 12 the Bible says David brought the Ark with _____.
15. How did they bring the Ark this time and how do you know?
16. How many paces did they go before new sacrifices were made?
17. What did David do before the Lord?
NOTE: "Dance" means to whirl. Some have argued that this supports dancing before the Lord is used to praise the Lord. See the end of this chapter for a short Bible study on this.
18. Verse 15 says that they had what two sounds?

Apply-

David tries to do a right thing in a wrong way and someone dies as a result. People say it doesn't matter how you do something, just that you do right but God wants the how to be right as well. We must do things God's way or it is sin! Have you justified doing something another way because you appear to be accomplishing right things?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 27:10a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 6:16-23

Examine –

1. Who was watching David through a window? What was her heart reaction?
2. Where did they put the Ark? What did David offer?
3. To whom did he offer it? In whose name did he bless the people?
4. What did David do for the people? (Three things)
5. Where did the people go?
6. Where did David go? Who met him?
7. What did she accuse David of doing?

NOTE: Vs 14 says that David wore a linen Ephod (I Sam. 2:18), probably an outer garment made of white material. The priest typically wore them, and God was specific about them being covered (Ex. 28:42). Michal accused him of uncovering himself and being a vain fellow (worthless). “Uncovered,” “shamelessly,” and “uncovereth” are the same word. David was not naked before God since God would have killed the priest for this.

8. How was David doing this?
9. What had God done for him?
10. Who had God set aside to allow David in this position?
11. What would David do before the Lord?

NOTE: This word includes instruments, singing and dancing!

12. David was willing to be more _____, meaning insignificant or lightly esteemed.
13. How had the maidens treated him?
14. What did Michal not have until she died?

NOTE: Essentially, their marriage was over. Husbands need respect; wives need love. Michal disrespected David, and he did not respond in love. He retaliated. She did not need the reminder that her father was dead and David was in his place.

Apply-

How do you handle conflicts and differences of opinion?

Do you make

false hurtful accusations?

Do you bring up true but hurtful past things?

Proverbs **15:1** A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 27:10a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 7: 1-29

Examine – *We call this passage of Scripture the Davidic Covenant!*

1. Of what was David's house made?
2. Of what was God's house made?
3. What did Nathan say to David?
4. What changed Nathan's mind?
5. How long had God "dwelled" in the tent?
6. From where did God take David?
7. What had God done to his enemies?
8. How did God describe David's name now?
9. What will God do for Israel?
10. How long would David's seed be established?
11. If they do wrong what will God do?
12. What did God do to Saul's house that he will never do to David's?
13. Who did Nathan tell these words?
14. Where did David go?
15. How does David respond to God's promise?
16. List at least 5 characteristics for which David praises God:

17. Does David want the promise to come to pass?

Apply-

God always keeps His promises and He did with David! Can you imagine the choices that David made affecting his family forever? What decisions do you make that effect eternity?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 27:10a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 8:1-18

Examine –

1. Who does David beat again?
2. Who became his servants?
3. Who did he beat at the river Euphrates?
4. What did David capture?
5. What did he do with the horses?
6. How many did he save?
7. Who came to save Hadadezer?
8. How many of them did David kill?
9. Who became servants to David as well?
10. What did David bring to Jerusalem as spoil?
11. From whom did David take brass?
12. Who came to salute David?
13. Why did he like David?
14. What did he bring as gifts?
15. Verse 11 gives us the reasons that David is collecting this stuff – why?
16. Where did David smite the Syrians?
17. How many did he kill?
18. What did he put in Edom?
19. What did David execute unto his people? (2 things)

Apply-

Remember that many of these people had fought with Israel for years, but as David honors God, God continues to give David victories! Are your defeats a result of you not honoring God?

Do you have needs that are not being met?

Maybe God will meet those as you honor him!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 27:10a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 9:1-13

Examine – *This chapter is a fulfillment of a promise to Jonathan in I Samuel 20:14-17*

1. What does David want to know?
2. Who do they contact first?
3. What was this man to Saul?
4. Who had a son? What was wrong with him?
5. Where was he?
6. With whom was he?
7. What is the son's name?
8. How did he respond when he came to David?
9. After David called his name, what did he say to him that would have been very pertinent?
10. Why would he show him kindness?
REMEMBER: He was only 5 when his dad and granddad died. He would not know of David and Jonathan's friendship!
11. What would he restore? Where would he eat?
12. What did Mephibosheth call himself?
13. What were the instructions to Ziba?
14. How many sons and servants did he have?
15. To what level did David put Mephibosheth in verse 11?
16. What did Mephibosheth have? Where did he live?

Apply-

Can you imagine what Mephibosheth might have been thinking as he made his way to Jerusalem? He obviously had a wife and child so everything was on the line here. A decision his dad made affected him as well, but this one was good. I can just imagine the stories that David could have told of their friendship and how it must have thrilled both hearts to share in this covenant. You reap what you sow!!!! **Say it out loud! . . . AGAIN . . .!** The story gets better You will have to wait a few weeks for this one!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 27:10a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 10:1-19

Examine –

1. Who died? Who reigned in his place?
2. What did David want to do for him and why?
3. What did the children of Ammon say was the reason for the visit?
4. What did the king do to David's men?
5. Why was this so bad? Offer some Scriptural support for the shame of this!
6. How did these men feel?
7. Where did they stay and what needed to happen for them to return?
8. Who did Ammon hire to help them? (List the country and their total soldiers)

9. When Israel got to the battle field, where were the enemies?
10. Who fought with Joab?
11. Who was in charge of the other army?
12. What was the battle plan if one got into trouble?
13. For whom was Joab fighting?
14. Who did the running?
15. Who gathered their whole army to fight Israel?
16. What was David's response?
17. How many did David's men kill?
18. What did they make with Israel?
19. Who were they not going to help anymore?

Apply-

Again, David tried to do right, and they turned down his goodness. It is always right to try to be kind – even to the enemies. Peace is always a better option! These people realized that eventually but not before thousands of people died. Treat others with dignity!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Should our church have a dance team to praise God?

- 1) There is a worship dance and a sensual dance mentioned in the Bible, but the Bible does not describe the difference in the two with David's being the worshipful dance and the children of Israel when Moses was on the mountain being the sensual dance (Exodus 32). In the latter case, they were worshipping Jehovah, according to Aaron, but it was not a pure thing by the context. David's dance, though not condemned in the Bible, certainly caused jealousy on the part of his wife, which would lead me to believe it could have been taken as sensual even if that was not the intent.
- 2) The dance described in the Bible is more of a spontaneous leaping rather than a choreographed experience. It appears that it was leaping from overwhelming joy not something made up! One writer says it could be a joyful trembling in worship - Joy contrasted with mourning. Yet they say it appears that a worship dance was approved in Psalms 149 and 150. Psalms 150 presents a problem for me because it is listed with musical instruments and seems to be inconsistent to say it is not an instrument but I can find no proof that it is.
- 3) We also must consider the principle of association (II Corinthians 6:17). Though it may have been an accepted practice in Bible days and have a good connotation, it certainly does not have that for us. Since we do not have a Biblical mandate to do so (Unless you consider Psalms 149 and 150 a mandate), then we should abstain from questionable activities.
- 4) I believe it would be "nearly" impossible to accomplish dance without sensual movements involved. This clearly would be wrong.

DAVID PART VI

Proverbs 6:32-33

But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding:

he *that* doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

A wound and dishonour shall he get;
and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____
Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 6:32-33
Read – II Samuel 11:1-5

Time of day: _____
Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

1. What had expired? What time was it?
2. What did David do?
3. What did the Army accomplish?
4. Where was David?
5. What time of day was it according to verse 2?
6. What had David been doing? Where did he go?
7. What did he see?
8. How does the Bible describe her?
9. Do you think he noticed this with a passing glance?
10. What did David do next?
11. What three things did David learn about her?
12. Which of these should have been most significant to David?
13. Who did David send to her?
14. The Bible says the messengers _____ her.
NOTE: It is possible that David forced her to come either by intimidation or by manipulation, but she may have gone willingly as well.
15. What did they do together?
16. Where did she return? What happened to her?

Apply-

This all started because David missed a responsibility! He should have been at war but instead he sent someone else to do his job. How do you do with your responsibilities?

Do you want to be in the mess that David is in?

Don't dismiss "small" things in God's service.

Luke 19:17: And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____
Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 6:32-33
Read – II Samuel 11:6-17

Time of day: _____
Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

1. Who did David want to see?
2. What did David “demand” of him?
3. Where did David want him to go? What did David send after him?
4. Where did Uriah sleep?
5. Who told David about Uriah?
NOTE: Imagine what these servants are thinking. Do they know what is going on?
6. What does David want to know from Uriah?
7. Why would Uriah not go and enjoy being home?
NOTE: This must have rebuked David if he thought on it! Uriah was more concerned about the people than David was – Uriah’s character sealed his death warrant!
8. When would David let him go?
9. What did they do together?
10. What did David make him? Where did he sleep again?
11. What did David do in the morning?
12. Who would carry the letter?
13. What did David want Joab to do and how?
14. Where did Uriah get assigned in the battle?
15. Did David’s plan “work”?
16. Was Uriah the only one to die?

Apply-

So David has gone from adultery to murder and deception. Look how many people he has involved in his sin already. Others are dying because David is trying to cover a sin of which God is fully aware. Your sin always affects other people! Can you name 5 people/groups of people that have been affected already by his sin?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 6:32-33

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 11:18-27

Examine –

1. Who sent a report to David?
2. How did Joab think David might react to his “battle plan”?
3. How did Abimelech die?
4. Where did he die?
Where else is the story in verse 21 told in the Bible?
5. What was the servant to tell David if this was his reaction?
6. How did the enemy attack Israel? (2 ways)

7. Did the servant wait until David had reacted to tell him about Uriah?
8. What was the man to say to Joab that sounded so good?
9. What does the sword do to one as another?
10. What was Joab to do with the battle?
11. What was the messenger to do to Joab in the last part of verse 25?
12. What was Bathsheba’s response to this news?
13. What had to pass before David could get her?
14. What did she become?
15. What did they have?
NOTE: If the story stopped here then we could maybe say, “He got away with it.”
16. Who was displeased with David?

Apply-

David had not gotten away with it – God saw it all! You never get away with your sin either. It may appear that some do get away with it and you might think you did but God always sees!

Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

What are you “hiding” from God?

Confess it today before He has to expose you!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____
Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 6:32-33
Read – II Samuel 12:1-9

Time of day: _____
Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

1. Who did God send to David? How many men does the prophet tell David about?
2. One of these men was _____ and the other was _____.
3. The rich man had plenty of what? How many did the poor man have?
4. How did the poor man care for his lamb? (At least 5 things)

5. Who came to this rich man? How did the man feed his guest?
6. What was David's response to this story?
7. What was David's pronouncement against the man?
8. How much would he have to pay?
9. Not only did the man do this but he also had no what?
 NOTE: It is easy to jump on someone else's sin and judge them without looking inward, isn't it? David apparently never thought about this being him, but he is about to!
10. What did Nathan say next to David?
11. Nathan is speaking on behalf of whom? Over what had God anointed David?
12. He delivered David from whom?
13. At the end of verse 8, what would God have given him?
14. What had David despised? What had David done?
15. What group was Israel fighting when Uriah died?

Apply-

Two things stand out in this passage to me: 1) God knows what we are doing and will eventually confront and expose us. 2) God uses people to confront others' sin sometimes.
Nathan's boldness is refreshing. He knew the whole story and that David had already killed to cover it up. He also knew that David had authority to kill him. Despite all this, Nathan gave God's message. How is your boldness today? Are you afraid of someone at a check out or a close friend? God help us to be bold to lovingly confront those in sin!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 6:32-33

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 12:10-19

Examine –David chose his sin but will not be able to choose his consequences.

1. What was the first punishment Nathan listed for David?
2. Who had David despised?
3. Where would evil come to David?
4. What would someone do to David's wives?
5. How did David do his sin?
6. How will God punish him?
7. What is David's response to this confrontation?
8. Who had he sinned against?
9. What had God done for David and what would not happen to him?
10. What had David given to God's enemies?
11. What would happen to the child?
12. What did Nathan do?
13. What did God do?
14. To whom did David beg to save the child's life?
15. What two things does he do to show his seriousness about the request?

16. What did the elders of the house try to do?
17. How many days passed before the child died?
18. The servants were concerned about what?
19. What did David observe in his servants?
20. What did David want to know?

Apply-

SIN ALWAYS COSTS!!!! This is only the beginning of David's reaping, but it is indeed a sad story. What will your "secret" sin cost you and others in the long run?

Will it be worth it to you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____
Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 6:32-33
Read – II Samuel 12:20-31

Time of day: _____
Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine – Yesterday we learned that David’s son had died. What would be his reaction now?

1. From where did David arise?
2. What three things did he do to himself?
3. Where did he go and what did he do there?
4. What did he do after he got home?
5. Why are his servants confused?
6. While the child was alive, what did David hope God would do?
7. Now that the child is dead, can David bring him back?
8. Would David see the child again?
9. What did David do for Bathsheba?
10. What was the name of their son?
11. What was God’s response to this son?
12. What did Nathan the prophet name him?
13. Who was Joab fighting?
14. How does the Bible describe the city? (2 descriptions)
15. What did Joab want David to do and why?
16. What did David take from their King?
17. How much did it weigh and of what was it made?
18. What did David do to the people he conquered?

Apply-

We learn some key facts in this chapter: 1) Babies who die go to Heaven, and we will see them again. 2) Even when things don’t go our way we should still worship God. 3) God forgives and allows His goodness to show. Solomon would become the wisest man to ever live.

Can you worship God even when he doesn’t answer your prayer the way you want him to?

There is hope while you have breath to repent, and God can turn a bad situation to good!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 6:32-33

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Review

Examine –

Go back and look at the principles we learned from these chapters and others you thought of as well. List the principle in the first column, and in the second column put how that principle will impact your life now and in the future.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

DAVID PART VII

Proverbs 13:20

He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise:
but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 13:1-9

Examine –

1. Who had a fair sister?
2. What was her name?
3. Who loved her?
4. Define Vexed –
5. What was he feeling about his sister?
6. Why did Amnon think it hard to do anything to her?
7. What did Amnon have? What was his name?
8. How does the Bible describe him?
9. What did Jonadab want to know?
10. What did Amnon tell him?
11. What “plan” did he have to get Tamar in the room?
12. Was he really sick?
13. Did David come to see him?
14. What did he want Tamar to do for him?
15. Did David send her?
16. What did she do when she arrived?
17. What did Amnon refuse to do?
18. Who did Amnon send away?

Apply-

What Amnon was scared to do, a “crafty” friend helped convince him to do. What do your friends encourage you to do?

“Friendships cemented together with sin do not hold!”

What do you encourage your friends to do?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 13:10-18

Examine –

1. What did Amnon want her to do with the meat?
2. When she came in, what did he do and say to her?
3. What is her appeal to him?
4. What does she call this at the end of verse 12?
5. With what would she have to deal? What would he be?
6. What did she say he could do if he wanted to marry her?
7. Would the king have denied him? Did he listen to her?
8. How could he force her?

NOTE: It sounds like Tamar was not entirely against being his wife. Amnon was only concerned with feeding his desires now. He gave no thought to the future!

9. What emotion did Amnon now have for her?
10. How did this emotion weigh in comparison to his love for her?
11. What did Amnon want her to do?
12. How does she describe this sending away?

NOTE: Deut 22:28-29 gives God's law for a man who lies with a virgin not engaged to another. He was forbidden to put her away. Amnon continues to violate God's law.

13. How did he get rid of her? What did he want done to the door?
14. What did she have and what did it symbolize?
15. What did the servant do?

Apply-

No one must be told that rape is wrong. You may think this would be impossible for you, but what are you watching and listening to? Are you feeding your mind with filthy images? Is the music you are listening to causing your mind to dwell on sensual things? Do your thoughts dwell on immoral things? If these things are a problem for you, please see someone that can help you – this will destroy you!!!!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 13:19-29

Examine –

1. What four things did Tamar do as she went home?
2. Who did she go to see? Who did he immediately suspect?
3. What did he ask her to do?
4. Where did she remain? How does the Bible describe her?
5. Did David hear of these things? What was his response?
NOTE: David had set the example for his son. He is still reaping!
6. How did Absalom speak to his brother?
7. How does it describe his feelings for him? How long had it been?
8. What were Absalom and his men doing?
9. Who did he invite?
10. Who refused Absalom's invitation to the feast?
11. Who else did he want to go?
12. Would Absalom take no for an answer?
13. What were Absalom's servants to observe?
NOTE: I wonder how they knew that he would be drunk?!?!
14. What did Absalom want the servants to do? Did they do it?
15. What did the other King's sons do and how?

Apply-

After 2 years, Absalom got his revenge. Where do you think Jonadab was during this time?
Some friend!!! Amnon was wrong, but Absalom hated and eventually murdered his brother, and this was only the beginning of his issues. No matter what others do to you, you cannot hate them or plot to get them back. God is the one responsible for judgment!

Romans 12:19 - Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 13:30-39

Examine –

1. What initial story did David hear about the situation?
2. How many of his sons were left?
3. What was David's response to this story?
4. What did his servants do?
5. Who was there to correct the story for David? Who was the only one dead?
6. When did Absalom determine to do this?
7. What should the King not take to heart?
 THINK: Who plotted the rape? How does he know Absalom was going to kill Amnon?
 How long had he known? He plotted the wickedness, knew the consequences, didn't
 warn his "friend," and tells the king that it is no big deal! Not a great friend!
8. What did Absalom do?
9. What did the watchman of the city see?
10. What did Jonadab say?
11. What did the sons do when they got there?
12. Who else was crying? Where did Absalom go?
13. For whom did David mourn? (verse 39) How long was Absalom gone?
14. For what was David longing?
15. From what was he comforted?
 NOTE: The idea is that since Amnon was dead, David could do nothing for him but there
 was still a potential relationship with Absalom!

Apply-

Jonadab is slick enough to be close to David without David ever knowing what really happened.
(David is his uncle) The Bible calls him "subtil" (13:3) – "shrewd, crafty, cunning, wily." Satan
was also called this. Are you "slick?" Can you "get away" with things?
You are really not getting away with them – God is watching!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 14:1

Examine –

1. What did Joab perceive?
2. Who did Joab send for and why?
3. Who put the words in her mouth?
4. How many sons did the woman have in her “made up” story?
5. What happened to the one? What did the family want to do with the other?
6. Of what did the King assure her?
7. After he gave her the assurance he thought she wanted, how does she turn the story?

8. According to verse 19, who does the King suspect in this plot?
9. What does the woman say about the king when he asked her this?
10. What does the King tell Joab to do?
11. How does Joab respond to the King?
12. When Absalom returns home what is he to do and not do?
13. For what was Absalom praised?
14. How does the Bible describe him?
15. The word polled means to shave – how often did he do this and why?
16. How much did it weigh? (How much is that in pounds?)
17. How many children did Absalom have? How is his daughter described?

Apply-

There are several interesting thoughts about this story: Joab wanted him back (Joab will later kill him), David did not want to see him (I do not know why), Absalom had some great qualities about him, and last, he named his daughter Tamar (in honor of his sister perhaps). Tolerating someone is not real restoration! David allowed him back, but he really had no relationship with him. Do you just tolerate someone that has wronged you or do you invest in them?

Proverbs 21:14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 14:28-15:9

Examine –

1. How long was Absalom at Jerusalem? Who did he not see?
2. Who did he send for and why?
3. Did Joab come?
4. What did Absalom do to Joab's fields?
5. Did he get Joab's attention?
6. What does Absalom want to get solved?
7. Did David call for him?
8. What did each man do when they saw each other?
This was seen in that day as a greeting!
9. What did Absalom prepare for himself?
10. What did Absalom say to men who came for a judgment by the king?
11. When men tried to honor him, how did he respond?
12. By doing this, what did he accomplish?
13. How long had it been?

NOTE: There is some debate about this figure: Some say it should be 4 years; others say it refers to the 40 years since Israel asked for a king. This seems logical but not conclusive.

14. Where did he want to go and why?
15. Where did he vow this vow?
16. What was his "vow"?
17. What was the King's response to him?

Apply-

Isn't it amazing how men use "religion" to gain what they want! He sounded good but did not care about serving God. Do you undermine authority by putting questions in people's minds or saying "Sure wish I was in charge"? If people question others in front of you, they will question you in front of others! Absalom used people to get what he wanted. Do you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 13:20

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 15:10-29

Examine –

1. What had he sent through all of Israel? Where would he set up his kingdom?
2. How many men went with Absalom? Did they know what they were doing?
3. How does the Bible describe the conspiracy?
4. What message did David get about the conspiracy?
5. What was David's response to the news?
6. About what was he concerned? How did the servants respond?
7. Who did David leave behind and why?
8. Match the words with the right definition (Look these up!):

	Cherethites	A. Belonging to Gath
	Pelethites	B. Executioners/body guards
	Gittites	C. Guardsmen

9. How many men passed before David?
10. Who did David give permission to stay at Jerusalem? Why?
11. Did he heed his advice?
12. What did they pass over? What were they doing as they went?
13. What did David want done with the Ark?
14. Who was really in charge? What verse proves David understood this?
15. What were the two sons of the priest to do for David?
16. Where would David stay?

Apply-

This was a sad day for the people and David. They were losing their homeland, and it was an internal conflict. David's house that was doing it. (Remember, he is still reaping.) David did not want the Ark to come because this was God's city. If God wanted to bring David back, He could, and if not, David was ok with that. Can you trust God when things get rough? Can you trust God when it appears things are going to end badly? You can, but will you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

DAVID PART VIII

Proverbs 24:10

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 15:30-37

Examine –

1. What way did David leave Jerusalem?
2. What three things describe David's emotional state as he went?
3. What were the people doing?
4. Who was with Absalom?
5. What did David want God to do to this man's counsel?
6. Who met David and what had he done?
7. What did David want this man to do?
8. Whose counsel would he defeat?
9. Who was in the city on David's side?
10. What were they to do with any information gathered?
11. How would David get the word?
12. What were the boy's names?
13. What does the Bible call Hushai?
14. What city did he enter?
15. Who else arrived there?

Apply-

Men's true colors are showing, and that will continue. Would you be willing to risk your life for a friend (Assuming the friend was doing right)?

Would you be willing to risk your children's lives for a friend?

This is a great picture of what Jesus (The friend that sticks closer than a brother) has asked us to do. He asked us to risk our lives, and yes our families, sometimes for the Gospel. Are you willing?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 16:1-4; II Samuel 19:24-30

Examine –

1. Who met David and where?
2. What did he bring him?
3. What did the king want to know in verse 3?
4. What did Ziba tell the King?
5. What did David give to Ziba?

Let's look now to II Samuel 19:24-30

❖ David is arriving back in Jerusalem after the defeat of the rebellion:

6. Who comes to meet David?
7. What had he not done since David had departed? (3 things)
8. What did David want to know?
9. Who did he say had deceived him?
10. Why was he dependant on others?
11. What had Ziba done to him?
12. What does Mephibosheth call David?
13. What could the king do to him?
14. What does Mephibosheth recognize and tell David?
15. What did he have no right to do?
16. What was to happen to their land?
17. What was Mephibosheth willing to do and why?

Apply-

It is obvious that someone is lying, and from the response of the two men I would say that it was Ziba. Mephibosheth has all the signs of truthfulness. Regardless the question is the same – do you deceive, lie or “work it out” to get your way? Remember that God sees all (Prov. 15:3).

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 16:5-14

Examine –

1. Who came out to David?
2. What did he do to David? (2 things)
3. What kind of people are on the right hand and left?
4. What two things does he call David?
5. What did he say the Lord had returned upon him?
6. In what was David taken, according to the curse?

NOTE: A couple of things stand out: 1) Since David's sizable army is with him, this is not wise. 2) David had done nothing to the house of Saul. In fact, David had purposefully not retaliated against them. The issue is the statement that David was on Saul's throne. Saul had given that right up through disobedience. David's attitude is interesting.

7. Who begins to talk? What does he call Shimei?
8. What did he want to do to him? David assumes that this cursing is from _____.
9. What was the immediate concern?
10. What could the Lord do as a result of the cursing?
11. What else was Shimei doing (verse 13)?
12. What was the physical state of the King and people?
13. What did they do in this unknown place?

NOTE: It may have been Bahurim but this is not certain! What else happened in Bahurim in relation to this rebellion?

Apply-

Shimei was throwing a fit like a little child - throwing rocks and dust, calling names. Have you ever felt like or did throw a fit? Why do people throw fits?

Isn't it because we did not get **OUR** way? This looks foolish, and it looks the same when we do it. Ask God to show you when you are selfish and want your way. Don't hurt others in the process – people may not be as patient as David!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 16:15-23

Examine –

1. Who came to Jerusalem? Who was with him?
2. Who met Absalom? What did he say?
3. What does Absalom want to know from him?
4. What is his answer to Absalom?
5. Who would Hushai serve? Who gives the first bit of counsel?
6. What should he do?
7. What would Israel understand by this act?
8. What would be the result of this?
9. Where did this happen?

This is a fulfillment of II Samuel 12:11-12 – consequences of David's sin that are affecting others. This act shows the debauchery of Absalom as well!

10. How powerful was the counsel of Ahithophel?
11. Was that just with Absalom?

NOTE: This is a tough verse to deal with that may not have a good answer. A straight term definition means that a man had enquired at the Word of God. If it were not for the last phrase in this verse, we could assume that this word was fulfilling II Samuel 12:11-12. Since it was not just referring to this counsel, it is hard. One author states, "The words of the counsel with Ahithophel gave were given credence as though they came directly from God, so highly regarded was his wisdom." ([Bible Knowledge Commentary](#), p 472). This makes the most sense to me.

Apply-

If Ahithophel's counsel was that powerful, Hushai had his job cut out for him. Perhaps this is why he says nothing on this first bit of counsel. Be careful as you help (counsel) others and realize the responsibility in that. James 3:1 warns us that there is greater condemnation if we flippantly speak God's Word. Make sure you indeed have the mind of God when speaking.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 17:1-10

Examine –(Learn more about David’s mighty men in I Chronicles 11:10-25 – Incredible warriors!)

1. How many men did Ahithophel want? What was his plan?
2. What did he assume would be the state of the King?
NOTE: He would have been somewhat right according to 16:14.
3. What would happen to the people?
4. What would he do to David?
5. Who would he bring back to Absalom?
NOTE: It was “brutish” or ignorant to believe David’s mighty men would forsake him.
David was a warrior in his own right, and it would be difficult to find a group of men more loyal. Nevertheless, David was in a vulnerable position, and Hushai knew it.
6. How was the saying received?
7. Who else was called to give counsel?
8. What did Absalom tell him, and what did he want to know?
9. What was Hushai’s initial response?
10. How does he describe David’s men?
11. What is their mental state, and what does he use as an example?
12. What is David?
13. What would he not do? Where would David be?
14. What would happen to Absalom’s men when they faced initial defeat?
15. How does he describe Israel’s men?
16. What would happen to them?
17. What two things does Israel know?

Apply-

Hushai uses great wisdom here – he says things the listeners already know. He planted doubt in their minds. I wonder if the late-night conversations were about the incredible battles fought by David and his elite soldiers. When someone begins to doubt, half the battle is won!

Is Satan creating doubt in your mind about what God says or does? Use the Word of God to fight against doubts! He wants to defeat you before the battle begins!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 17:11-20

Examine –

1. What does he suggest to overcome the problem of David's army?
2. Who should lead them into battle? How should they "light" on him?
3. How many would be left? What will happen if he is in a city?
4. Whose counsel was better?
5. Why did God do this?
6. What did God want to do to Absalom?
7. Who did Hushai tell about his counsel?
8. What was his advice to David?
9. Where were the boys and why?
10. Who told them the information?
NOTE: The word "wench" means a maid or a slave girl.
11. What did they do with the information?
12. Who saw them and what did he do?
13. To what city did they come? (That sounds familiar)
14. Where did they hide?
15. How did they hide the boys?
16. Where did the women say the boys had gone?
17. Did they find them? What did they do after searching?

Apply-

When God is working against you it is impossible to win. **Acts 5:38-39** *And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.* But if you are on God's side... that is a different story. **Romans 8:31** *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?* Whose side do you want to be on? Whose side are you on?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 17:21-29

Examine –

1. After the men returned to Jerusalem (yesterday's story), what did the boys do?
2. What river did they pass over?
3. What time of day was it? Did they lose any people?
4. What did Ahithophel do? (Put the events in order – there are 6-7 of them)

5. To what city did David arrive? Whose capital had this been in the past?
6. Where was Absalom?
7. Who did Absalom make captain? Who was his father?
NOTE: He would have been David's nephew.
8. Where did Israel camp?
9. What three men brought David supplies? List the gifts they brought.

NOTE: David is reaping some good seed here. Shobi was the brother of a man David had tried to show kindness to, but he rejected it. David's army defeated him (II Sam 10:1). Machir was the man keeping Mephibosheth when David found him (II Sam 9:5).

10. Why did they bring the supplies?

Apply-

This would have been quite costly for these men. Are you a giver?

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. You cannot out give God!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

DAVID PART IX

Proverbs 25:19

Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth,
and a foot out of joint.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 18:1-8

Examine –

1. What did David do to the people?

2. Who did he set over them?

NOTE: This seems to indicate that some of the leadership was following Absalom; otherwise these positions would have been filled.

3. Into how many parts were the people divided?

4. Name the men put over the three parts:

5. What did David want to do?

6. What was the people's response to this?

7. What was David worth?

8. From where would David succor (help) them?

9. What command did the King give the men?

10. How many people heard the commandment?

11. Where did the battle take place?

NOTE: No one really knows where this place is located!

12. Who won the battle?

How many men died?

13. What devoured more people than the sword?

Apply-

Civil war is always tough because the casualties are multiplied on a nation since both "sides" are the same people. **James 4:1** *From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?*

Absalom wanted his way, and 20,000 plus people are now dead and the story is not over.

What will your lust cause you to do?

Are you willing to pay the consequences?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 18:9-17

Examine –

1. What was Absalom's mode of transportation?
2. Where did the animal go?
3. What happened to Absalom?
4. What happened to the animal?
5. Who was told about it?
6. What did Joab want him to do?
7. What would he have given him for doing it?
8. What would the guy not take to kill him?
9. Why?
10. Who would have been against him if he had done this?
11. What can be hid from the King?
12. What did Joab use and where did he strike him?
13. Who actually killed Absalom?
14. What did these men do for Joab?
15. What did Joab do next?
16. Where did they cast Absalom and what did they do to him?
17. What did Israel do?

Apply-

Absalom's reign is over, but the nation is in shambles. Joab disobeyed the king, but one person honored the King's commandment and stood against Joab. What is his name?

Are you willing to remain nameless and poor ("shekel" could have meant as much as 1 day's wages) to obey?

What is obedience worth to you?

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Praise: _____

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Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 18:18-33

Examine –

1. In his lifetime what had Absalom done?
2. What did he not have to keep his name alive?
3. What was the “monuments” name?
4. Who wanted to run and tell the King the news?
5. Why would Joab not let him?
6. Who would do the running?
7. What was he to tell the king?
8. How many men ran to the king?
9. Who got there first?
10. Who saw the man running?
11. Where was David?
12. Why did the King assume the men were running?
13. What was the King’s assessment of Ahimaaz?
14. What one thing does the king want to know?
15. What did Ahimaaz know?
16. Both men’s initial report is basically the same, what was it?
17. What did Cushie tell the King about Absalom?
18. What was the King’s response when he heard this?
19. What would David have done for Absalom?

Apply-

Absalom wanted his name remembered, but he had no idea that God would record his rebellious, bitter, and awful deeds for generations to read. He is remembered, but not the way he wanted. For what do you want to be remembered?

What lasting impression are you and will you leave on others?

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Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 19: 1-15

Examine –

1. What was told Joab?
**This is not an unusual reaction of a father at his son's death. Though he wanted to kill David, he was still his son. Strangely, no such reaction is recorded when Amnon died.
2. What was turned into mourning?
3. How did the people enter the city? What was the king doing?
4. For what does Joab "rebuke" the king?
5. Who did David love? Who did he hate?
6. What would have been pleasing to David, according to Joab?
7. What would happen if David did not go talk with the people?
8. Where did David go and sit? Who came to him there?
NOTE: There is some truth to what Joab is saying. The people surely have nothing of which to be ashamed. But, Joab, the pious-talking man, has every right to be ashamed.
9. What was the conflict in the peoples' minds? (Describe v. 9-10 in your own words)
10. To whom did David send word? What did David want them to do?
11. Who was Judah to David (Lk. 3:23–38)?
THINK: Why would it be appropriate for the people to ask David back?
12. Who did the King put in charge of the army?
13. What affect did this have on all the men of Judah?
14. Where did Judah meet him?

Apply-

Grieving the loss of someone is tough, and every person responds differently. We should be compassionate toward grief, but David also had a responsibility as leader. Sometimes when we mourn, we respond wrongly with emotions we do not know what to do with. Both sides need to respond in grace, whether you are hurting or dealing with someone who is. Who can you show God's grace to in their time of need? If you are grieving, can you put your hurt aside to show grace to those who look up to you?

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Praise: _____

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Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 19:16-30

Examine –

1. Who was one of the first men to meet David on his way back? (Remember who he was?)
2. How many men of Benjamin came?
3. Who also was there?
4. What did they have, to carry the king over the Jordan?
5. What did Shimei do before the king?
6. For what does he ask?
NOTE: This is a very different attitude than in II Samuel 16!
7. What did Abishai want to do and why?
8. What did David not want to happen on that Day?
9. Why?
10. What did the King swear to Shimei?
11. Who else came to meet the King?
12. What three things had he not done since the King left?
13. What did David want to know?
14. Who did he say deceived him?
15. What had Ziba done unto the king against Mephibosheth (according to him)?
16. What is Mephibosheth's conclusion about the king?
17. What did the king say to do with the land?
18. What is Mephibosheth's response to this?

Apply-

It is amazing how everybody's attitudes have changed. People are wishy-washy aren't they? Loyalty seems to be a lost character quality. God, however, favors someone being faithful, and that is all He asked of us. (I Corinthians 4:2) How are you being loyal/faithful?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 19:31-43

Examine –

1. Who went over Jordan with King David?
2. How old was he?
3. What had he done for the King?
4. What did the King offer him?
5. What could he not discern?
6. How does he describe his taste?
7. What has happened to his hearing?
NOTE: It doesn't sound like getting old is too much fun, does it?
8. Where does he want to die?
9. Who was to take his place?
10. Who was he to Barzillai – vs. 35?
11. How many of the people of Israel were with David?
12. What was the complaint of the men of Israel?
13. What did the men of Judah say in response to this?
14. How many parts did the men of Israel have in David?
15. Where did they get this figure?
16. How does the Bible describe the words of the men?

Apply-

There is much to be said here, but let's concentrate on Chimham. A servant is given the privileges of a master. The servant had no money or resources to offer: they all belonged to the master. The servant had no relationship with the King; that was also his masters. The master deserved the entire honor, and yet he gave it to the servant. Does this sound familiar? See if you can think of some more pictures this story has of Jesus (our Master) and us (the servant). Have you thanked HIM lately for what He has done for you?

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Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 20:1-26

Examine –

1. Who leads the next rebellion? He was from what tribe?
2. How did the women that David left at Jerusalem have to live?
3. What did the King want of Amasa?
4. Did he do what the King asked?
5. Who does David now put in charge of the army?
6. Of what is David concerned?
7. Who went with him? Who met them and where?
8. What had Amasa put on?
9. What fell out?
10. Who “greeted” Amasa?
11. To what did Amasa not pay attention?
12. What did Joab do to him?
13. When people saw Amasa, what did they do?
14. What did someone do to him?
15. To what city did they chase Sheba?
16. What were Joab’s men going to do with the walls?
17. Who wanted to talk with Joab, and what did she claim to be?
18. What did Joab really want and why?
19. What did the women promise Joab? Did she do what she said?

Apply-

Joab was a ruthless man with no mercy. Amasa was his cousin! Joab, however, is not what we will concentrate on today. Verse 5 and the memory verse for today have a connection. Look at the cost of not following a simple task. Can you do simple things when you are asked, or are you late? Don’t make a habit of turning in late work or sliding in at the last second. When an authority asks you for something, do it right away!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

DAVID PART X

I Corinthians 4:2

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____
Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 4:2
Read – II Samuel 21

Time of day: _____
Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –Refer to Joshua 9 for information about the Gibeonites.

1. What natural disaster occurred in v. 1? How long did it last?
2. How did David respond?
3. Why did the Lord say He sent it?
4. Whom did the King call in v. 2?
5. Who are the Gibeonites? What promises were made to them?
6. Who sought to slay them?
7. Why did David desire to make atonement to the Gibeonites?
8. What did they did not want? What did they require?
9. Whom did David spare? Why?
10. David took 2 sons of _____ and 5 sons of _____.
11. When did this story take place?
12. What did Rizpah do with the sackcloth and for how long?
13. How much effort did this take? Explain.
14. In vs. 11, who found out what Rizpah did?
15. Whose bones did David get from Jabesh-Gilead?
16. Why were they there?
17. What did David do with the bones of Saul's family?
18. What nation continued to war with Israel in v. 15, 18, 19, & 20?
19. Who was killed in v. 17? v. 18? v. 19? v. 20-21?
20. What did these 4 men have in common?

Apply-

The choices we make now have a lasting effect on people now and others in the future. If Joshua & the Israelites had sought God's counsel, David would not be in this difficult situation where 7 men died. The men who opposed Goliath's sons defying the Living God were inspired by David's courage and dependence on God. What will be the impact of your current choices? David honors his former authority, Saul, by giving him and his sons a respectful burial. Do you respect your authorities even when you don't understand them, even when they are wrong?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____
Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 4:2
Read – II Samuel 22

Time of day: _____
Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

1. Who is speaking in this chapter?
2. To whom is he speaking?
3. This chapter is referred to as the words of this _____.
4. What had the Lord done for David?
5. How does David refer to the Lord in v. 2? (3)
6. How does David refer to God in v. 3? (6)

7. How does David describe the Lord in v. 4?
8. Summarize David's condition in v. 5-6.
9. In v. 7, what did David do?
10. What did the Lord do?
11. Summarize in a complete sentence the Lord's attitude toward David's enemies in v. 8-16

12. What did the Lord do for David in v. 17-20?
13. What is the meaning of the word “stay” in v. 19? (look it up)
14. According to v. 21-28 why did the Lord deliver and reward David?

15. How do James 4:6 and 1 Peter 5:5 parallel these verses?

16. How is the Lord described in v. 29?
17. What did David say he was able to do with the Lord's strength?
18. How does David describe the way of God?
19. How does David describe the Word of the Lord?
20. What is a “buckler”?
21. List 1 thing about God from each of the following verses.
v. 32 _____ v. 33 _____
v. 34 _____ v. 35 _____
v. 36 _____ v. 37 _____
v. 40 _____ v. 44 _____
22. What does David say about the Lord's state of being in v. 47?
23. Who does David say avenges and delivers him?
24. What are David's two responses to this deliverance?

25. Among whom will David give thanks to God?

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Apply:

Are you giving thanks to and praising God for His working in your life?

Take some time to write a brief psalm, “song of praise” to the Lord.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____
Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 4:2
Read – II Sam 23:1-7

Time of day: _____
Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

1. What is significant about this 7 verse Psalm of David?
2. What four descriptions are given for David in v. 1?
3. Who spoke by David? Whose words were in his tongue?
4. What other description is given for the “God of Israel”?
5. What can we learn about the Holy Spirit from v. 2-3?
6. What two qualifications are given for someone (such as a king) ruling over men?
7. How does v. 4 describe how this ruler should be characterized?
8. Was David's house like this description?
9. Why or Why not?
10. What did God do in spite of David not following these characterizations?
11. What adjective does David use to describe God's covenant with Him?
12. What two characteristics does David give of the covenant?
13. In what two ways does David describe his attitude toward this covenant?
14. How does David describe the wicked?
15. What will happen to them?
16. How does David say they have to be handled?
17. Why do you think this is?
18. What is the ultimate fate of the wicked according to v. 7?

Apply:

Some are more prominent leaders than others, but we all have someone watching and following us. Are you cultivating the characteristics listed in this passage? Are you just? Do you fear God? Could you be described as refreshing, or are you more like a prickly thorn bush that has to be handled very carefully?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____
Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 4:2
Read – II Sam 23:8-39

Time of day: _____
Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine –

1. What group of people is listed in this passage?
2. List the 37 men. 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
5) _____ 6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____ 9) _____
10) _____ 11) _____ 12) _____ 13) _____ 14) _____
15) _____ 16) _____ 17) _____ 18) _____ 19) _____
20) _____ 21) _____ 22) _____ 23) _____ 24) _____
25) _____ 26) _____ 27) _____ 28) _____ 29) _____
30) _____ 31) _____ 32) _____ 33) _____ 34) _____
35) _____ 36) _____ 37) _____
3. How many men did Adino slay at one time?
4. What happened to Eleazar's hand?
5. What did Shammah do?
6. What did David long for when he was in the cave of Adullam?
7. What did these three mighty men do for him?
8. What was David's reaction?
9. Why?
10. Who was Abishai's brother?
11. How many did he slay at one time?
12. For what three things was Benaiah known?
13. Who is the last mighty man mentioned?
How did he die? (Give Scripture)

Apply:

These men demonstrated great courage and loyalty for David. Could you be listed in your pastor's list of "mighty men"? This doesn't mean that you are better than others, but are you a loyal encourager of your pastor?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 4:2

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 24:1-14 (We will also reference I Chronicles 21:1-13)

Examine –

1. What was kindled against Israel?
2. Who is the “he” in verse 1? (See also I Chronicles 21:1)
3. What did David do? Who did David call to do the job?
4. What two cities were used as the boundaries?
5. What was Joab’s response to the order?
6. Whose word prevailed?
7. According to verse 8, how long did it take to complete the job?
8. How many total men were there in Israel according to verse 9?
9. How many men according to I Chronicles 21:5?
10. According to I Chronicles 21:6, what men were not counted and why?

NOTE: Why the discrepancy in numbers? Several possible explanations: 1) The II Samuel passage uses the word “valiant” men, meaning “had ability and efficiency.” He may have included new or inexperienced soldiers in the other count. 2) I Chronicles 21:6 shows Joab did not want to do a good job, putting the whole count in suspicion. 3) The II Samuel passage uses the words “that drew swords.” He may have left out men who did other jobs in the army. The count would be somewhere between 1.3 and 1.6 million men!

11. What happened after David numbered the people?
12. David calls this act _____.
13. Who delivered God’s message to David?
14. What were the 3 options God offered David?
15. What is the difference in the passage in I Chronicles?
NOTE: This is attributed to a different rendering in the Hebrew text!
16. What did David choose? Why?

Apply-

This was probably a sin of pride, but we know that God was displeased and David thought it was foolish. We have all done foolish things. We too must fall on the mercy of God, a good place to be. Have you asked Him for mercy in the last few days?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time of day: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 4:2

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Samuel 24:15-25 (We will also reference I Chronicles 21:14-30)

Examine –

1. What did God send upon the people? How many people died?
2. In what city did God stop his judgment?
3. Where was the angel of the Lord?
NOTE: The names are spelled differently, but it is the same man as in I Chronicles 21:15.
In the Hebrew language it was common to use different spellings of the same name.
4. Who did David say had sinned?
5. Who is David concerned about, and what does he call them?
6. Who does David want God to punish?
NOTE: You can choose your sin, but you cannot choose your consequences!
7. Who came to him again?
8. What was David to do to stop the plague?
9. According to I Chronicles, who else was with Araunah?
10. According to I Chronicles, what was he doing when the Angel arrived?
11. What did he do as David approached?
12. What did David want to do and why?
13. What did Araunah offer to David to help with the sacrifice?
14. Did Araunah want any money?
15. What did David not want to offer to the Lord?
16. How much did he pay for the oxen?
NOTE: The price of the threshing floor is not mentioned here but is in I Chronicles.
17. According to I Chronicles, how much did David pay for the Threshing floor?
18. What did David build there? Did the plague stop?
NOTE: Many believe the Temple was built here. I Chronicles 22 seems to bear that out.

Apply-

Are you offering to God without sacrifice? Many are willing to give God something as long as it doesn't make them uncomfortable or inconvenient. Is that your attitude?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____
Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 4:2
Read – Review

Time of day: _____
Time spent in prayer: _____

Examine and Apply – Choose 10 stories from II Samuel that you learned some truths from and write a Newspaper headline in the first blank and the lesson you learned in the second blank:

Headline	Lessons learned
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____
