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IN FIRST SAMUEL, WE FIND A PROMISE IS KEPT, A KINGDOM IS BUILT AND A KING IS ANOINTED. God uses the obedience and failings of imperfect people

to bring about God's perfect plan.

So, why is 1 Samuel important? In this critical period of Israel's history, the people of God transformed from a loosely-affiliated group of tribes into a unified nation headed by a king.

First Samuel is a true and accurate account of the birth and establishment of the Israelite monarchy, and of how God carefully prepared the way for His king of choice.

We will study how Saul, the first king, though appearing head and shoulders above the rest, did not have a righteous heart. And how God instructed Samuel to anoint David, a man after God's own heart, and God's ultimate choice for king.

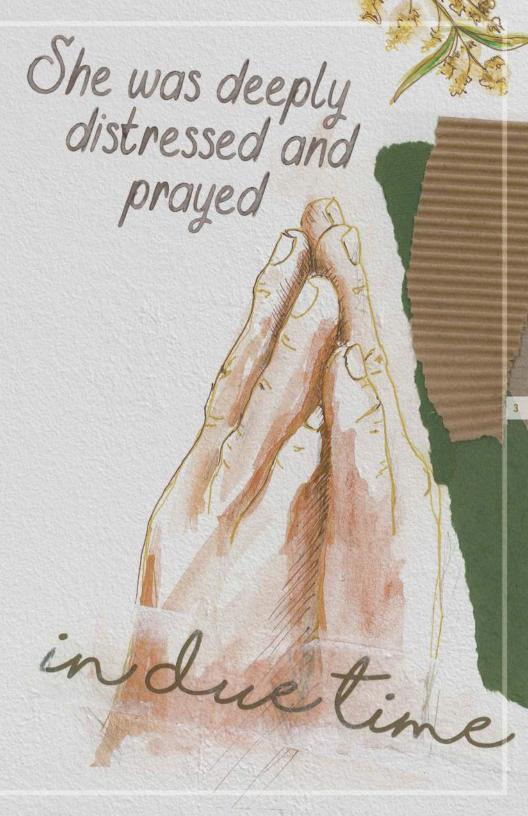
As we study 1 Samuel, this journal is a tool for you to use to dive deeper into studying God's word with us each week.

God will accomplish His purposes with or without our cooperation...but as we will see in the lives of Samuel, Saul and David, our response to God's call affects our outcome.

> - PASTOR JOBY MARTIN AND THE CHURCH OF ELEVEN22

There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. ² He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. ³ Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord.⁴ On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb.⁶ And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb.⁷ So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸ And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" ⁹ After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. ¹¹ And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head." ¹² As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. ¹⁴ And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you." ¹⁵ But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. ¹⁶ Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." ¹⁷ Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." ¹⁸ And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. ¹⁹ They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰ And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the Lord."

1 Samuel 1:1-20



WEEK 1: In Due Time

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 1:1-20

THE POINT

Prayer is God's invitation for you to snatch your faith out of the hands of your circumstances and **place your trust in the hands of your sovereign Savior.**

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REFLECT

 Who are you consistently praying for? Who is your #ONEMORE? Is there someone or something you have stopped praying for that you need to start praying for again? 2. What are some lifestyle changes you can make or habits you can develop so that you spend more time in prayer?

3. What is something you are praying for that only God can accomplish?

4. In which areas of your life have you placed your faith in your circumstances instead of in God's sovereignty?

MEMORY VERSE

Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you. – 1 Samuel 12:24

READING PLAN

мон: 1 Samuel 1:1-20 тив: Luke 18:1-8 wed: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 тни: *Matthew 6:5-15* FRI: *James 5:13-18* SAT: *Psalm 145* 5

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow.²² But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever." ²³ Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴ And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵ Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶ And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord.²⁷ For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸ Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.

As long as he lives, he is lent to the One

1 Samuel 1:21-28



WEEK 2: One More Generation

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 1:21-28

THE POINT

Parents: of all the people in the entire world, God has chosen YOU to have the primary responsibility of raising your children. Be reminded that He is not calling us to merely raise good citizens, **but to raise Jesus followers.**

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WAYS TO CONNECT WITH YOUR KIDS:

- 1. Read the Jesus Storybook Bible and listen to the family devo together (coe22.com/family-devos)
- 2. Disconnect from technology one hour of the evening to have intentional conversation
- 3. Game night
- 4. Family date night get dressed up and go out as a family
- 5. Go on a nature walk
- 6. Serve together find a local outreach opportunity to serve as a family together (coe22.com/localoutreach)
- 7. Make a blessing bag
- 8. Have a family worship night
- Cooking night bless a family with a home-cooked meal or baked goods
- 10. Plant a garden together

MEMORY VERSE

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READING PLAN

мон: 1 Samuel 1:21-28 тие: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 wed: Proverbs 22:6 тни: Ephesians 6:1-4 FRI: Luke 2:22-35 SAT: Psalm 78

N O T E S

SUMMARY: 1 Samuel 2

PART 1: WRITTEN BY PASTOR RYAN BRITT, EXECUTIVE MINISTRIES PASTOR

Hannah, Samuel's mother, praises God in a prayer for choosing her son and being faithful to them. In this prayer, we see both the goodness of God in display through Hannah's word and the humilitybased gratitude that is due to God for who He is.



There is no one stronger, more loving, more faithful, more beautiful than our God.

There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. - 1 Samuel 2:2

PART 2: WRITTEN BY PASTOR JOHN BARRINGER, ARLINGTON CAMPUS PASTOR

Eli was responsible for the tabernacle, and yet he allowed the sin there to run rampant. He obeyed his own will, heart and mind. He chose to honor himself and his sons over the Lord, and it sadly ended up costing him everything. Like Eli, God gives all of us a ministry (2 Timothy 4:5). Our ministry is a gift though, and as such, our faithfulness and responsibility to it should be to the giver and not to ourselves. Our service is unto the Lord (Colossians 3:23).



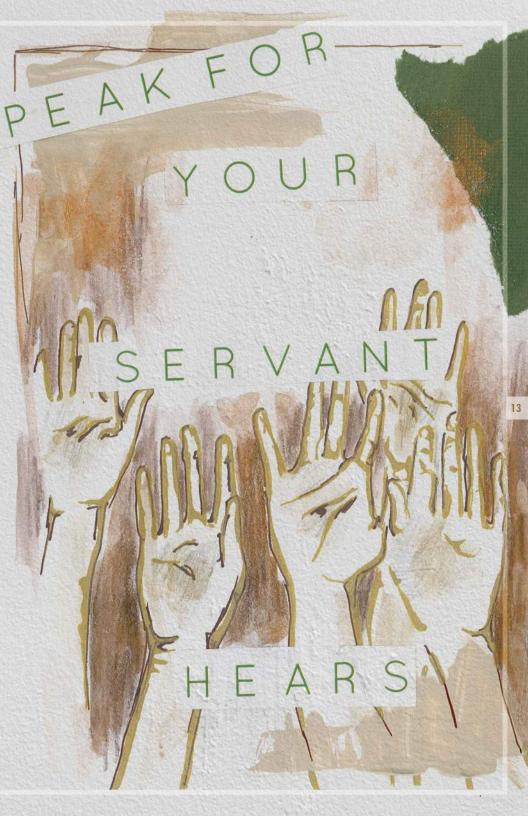
Who is the Lord looking to raise up? The faithful to God's heart and mind.

And I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. - 1 Samuel 2:35a

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Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.² At that time Eli, whose evesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place.³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.⁸ And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears." So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." ¹¹ Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God,[a] and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."¹⁵ Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." ¹⁷ And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the Lord. Let him do what seems good to him." ¹⁹ And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord. ²¹ And the Lord appeared again at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

1 Samuel 3:1-21



WEEK 3: Speak, For Your Servant Hears

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

THE POINT

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"Will you put your yes on the table and let God put it on the map?" – Pastor J.D. Greear

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EVERYONE'S "YES" LOOKS DIFFERENT.

NOT SURE WHAT GOD'S CALLING

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MEMORY VERSE

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READING PLAN

мон: 1 Samuel 3:1-21 тие: Matthew 28 wed: Isaiah 6 тни: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 гпі: Philippians 2:1-18 sat: John 15:1-17

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SUMMARY: 1 Samuel 4

WRITTEN BY TREY CURRY, ARLINGTON ASSOCIATE CAMPUS MINISTER

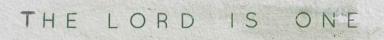
Chapter four starts with Israel going to battle with the Philistines at the edge of the kingdom. They march into battle, are defeated and about 4,000 men were killed. This left the people wondering how to conquer this adversary. Instead of turning to God, they came up with their own solution. They chose to bring the ark of the covenant to the battle supposing if they took it with them, then God would give them the victory. They chose to use the things of God for their own gain rather than running to Him for provision. In the end, Israel is left in defeat and the ark is taken by the Philistines. The symbol of the presence of God being with Israel is now gone. In this chapter, we see the heart-break that comes from turning to anything but God to provide what only He Himself can. This was a dark day for Israel, but God in His grace did not leave them in dismay.

For a moment it may seem all is lost, but because of the grace of God and His faithfulness to be known, He won't leave you there.

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When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. ² Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and set it up beside Dagon. ³ And when the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the Lord. So they took Dagon and put him back in his place. ⁴ But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the Lord, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him. ⁵ This is why the priests of Dagon and all who enter the house of Dagon do not tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day. ⁶ The hand of the Lord was heavy against the people of Ashdod, and he terrified and afflicted them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territory. ⁷ And when the men of Ashdod saw how things were, they said, "The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for his hand is hard against us and against Dagon our god." ⁸ So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines and said, "What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?" They answered, "Let the ark of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath." So they brought the ark of the God of Israel there. ⁹ But after they had brought it around, the hand of the Lord was against the city, causing a very great panic, and he afflicted the men of the city, both young and old, so that tumors broke out on them. ¹⁰ So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. But as soon as the ark of God came to Ekron, the people of Ekron cried out, "They have brought around to us the ark of the God of Israel to kill us and our people." ¹¹ They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines and said, "Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its own place, that it may not kill us and our people." For there was a deathly panic throughout the whole city. The hand of God was very heavy there. ¹² The men who did not die were struck with tumors, and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

1 Samuel 5:1-12





WEEK 4: The Lord is ONE

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 5:1-12

THE POINT

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God will not cuddle with, make room for, or share HIS throne with idols. **He smashes them.** For the glory of God and our own joy, so should we.

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Surface Idols vs. Source Idols

WHAT WE SEEK	Price Willing to Pay	Greatest Nightmare	Others Often Feel	Problem Emotion
CONTROL (self-discipline, certainty, standards)	Loneliness, spontaneity	Uncertainty, chaos	Condemned	Worry
COMFORT (privacy, lack of stress, freedom)	Reduced productivity	Stress, demands	Hurt	Boredom
APPROVAL (affirmation, love, relationship)	Less independence	Rejection	Smothered	Cowardice
POWER (success, winning influence)	Being burdened, responsibility	Humiliation	Used	Anger

Reference - Larson, K. (2015, September 24). Idol Factories: Power https://www.karischurch.org/blog?category=Idol+Factories

MEMORY VERSE

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READING PLAN

мон: 1 Samuel 5:1-12 тие: Exodus 20:1-6 wed: Isaiah 42:1-9 тни: Isaiah 44:6-23 FRI: Matthew 4:1-11 SAT: Psalm 115

N O T E S

SUMMARY: 1 Samuel 6-11

WRITTEN BY PASTOR RYAN STONE, MULTI-SITE & BAYMEADOWS CAMPUS PASTOR

In 1 Samuel 6-11 there are three important events:

- 1. The return of the ark of the Lord to Israel (chapter 6-7)
- 2. The demand of Israel for a king (chapter 8)
- 3. Saul is installed and anointed king (chapter 9-11)

As we saw in chapter 5, God will not cuddle with, make room for or share HIS throne with idols. He smashes them. For the glory of God and our own joy, so should we. The Philistines realize they must return the ark of the Lord to its rightful place among the Israelites. The return of the ark of the Lord leads Israel to worship and repentance of their idolatry. God gives Israel peace from war and Samuel continues to judge over them.

Chapter 8 is the pivotal moment in the history of the nation of Israel. God's desire was to rule Israel as a theocracy. He would be their God and King. But Israel wanted something different. The nation argues against Samuel and demands, "Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." (1 Samuel 8:5) Samuel argues that a king will take from them all that God has generously given them, but they remain persistent in their demand for a human king. God tells Samuel to "Obey their voice and make them a king." (1 Samuel 8:22)

The third event in this section is the giving to Israel what they asked for...a king. Saul is a handsome tall man who came from a family with wealth. One day while looking for his father's donkeys, Saul meets Samuel and is appointed to become king. In chapter 10, we see the spirit of the Lord rush upon Saul and change his heart. Shortly after, Saul is installed as king. His first act as king was a draft of 330,000 men to fight against the Ammonites. His victory was met with critics, as "the people said to Samuel, 'Who is it that said Shall Saul reign over us?' bring the men that we may put them to death." (1 Samuel 11:12)

In 1 Samuel 12, we will see that rebellion feels like freedom and fun but will always lead to death and bondage. It is in 1 Samuel 8 that we see the root of rebellion is in our exchange of the voice of God for the voice of man.



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And Samuel said to all Israel, "Behold, I have obeyed your voice in all that you have said to me and have made a king over you.² And now, behold, the king walks before you, and I am old and gray; and behold, my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my youth until this day.³ Here I am; testify against me before the Lord and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? Testify against me and I will restore it to you." ⁴ They said, "You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from any man's hand." ⁵ And he said to them, "The Lord is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand." And they said, "He is witness." ⁶ And Samuel said to the people, "The Lord is witness, who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.⁷ Now therefore stand still that I may plead with you before the Lord concerning all the righteous deeds of the Lord that he performed for you and for your fathers. ⁸ When Jacob went into Eqypt, and the Egyptians oppressed them, then your fathers cried out to the Lord and the Lord sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt and made them dwell in this place. ⁹ But they forgot the Lord their God. And he sold them into the hand of Sisera, commander of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab. And they fought against them. ¹⁰ And they cried out to the Lord and said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord and have served the Baals and the Ashtaroth. But now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, that we may serve you.' ¹¹ And the Lord sent Jerubbaal and Barak and Jephthah and Samuel and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and you lived in safety. ¹² And when you saw that Nahash the king of the Ammonites came against you, you said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign over us,' when the Lord your God was your king. ¹³ And now behold the king whom you have chosen, for whom you have asked; behold, the Lord has set a king over you. ¹⁴ If you will fear the Lord and serve him and obey his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the Lord your God, it will be well. ¹⁵ But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then the hand of the Lord will be against you and your king. ¹⁶ Now therefore stand still and see this great thing that the Lord will do before your eyes. ¹⁷ Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call upon the Lord, that he may send thunder and rain. And you shall know and

see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the Lord, in asking for yourselves a king." ¹⁸ So Samuel called upon the Lord, and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day, and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel. ¹⁹ And all the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to the Lord your God, that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask for ourselves a king." ²⁰ And Samuel said to the people, "Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil. Yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart. ²¹ And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty. ²² For the Lord will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you a people for himself. ²³ Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. ²⁴ Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you. ²⁵ But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king."

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1 Samuel 12:1-25

WEEK 5: Farewell Address

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 12:1-25

THE POINT

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Rebellion feels like freedom and fun but will always lead to death and bondage. **True freedom and joy are only found in following Jesus.**

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MEMORY VERSE

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READING PLAN

мом: 1 Samuel 12:1-25 тие: Joshua 3-4:9 wed: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 тни: Deuteronomy 7:1-9 FRI: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 SAT: Hebrews 10:19-25

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WRITTEN BY PASTOR JONATHAN CHRISTIAN, DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

In chapter 13 of 1 Samuel, we find King Saul and Israel are in the middle of a war with the Philistines. In verse 2, we read that Saul sends his son, Jonathan, and 1,000 troops to the land of Benjamin to go to battle there.

What happens when they arrive? We read in verse 3 that Jonathan attacked the Philistines and the Lord led them to victory, which leads to two things: the Israelites are pumped up and brimming with confidence, BUT the Philistines now hated the Israelites more than ever, They are ticked. The Philistines are so ticked that they muster up a mighty army of 6,000 warriors on 3,000 chariots to go and fight back.

When the Israelites, who had been brimming with confidence after God has just led them to victory in the last battle, learned this massive army was headed their way, how did they react?

Verses 6-7 say "When the men of Israel saw that they were in trouble (for the people were hard pressed), the people hid themselves in caves and in holes and in rocks and in tombs and in cisterns, and some Hebrews crossed the fords of the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul was still at Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling."

The Israelites faced a major and scary obstacle when they came up against the Philistines, but it was an obstacle that the Lord led them through victoriously in the past. When they were faced with a new, seemingly bigger and scarier obstacle, instead of putting their faith in the Lord to finish what He had started, the Israelites chose fear and they fled.

Have you ever doubted God's future provision or protection even though He has provided for you and protected you in the past? Or, in other words, have you ever doubted in the darkness what you knew to be true in the light and, as a result, chosen fear over faith?



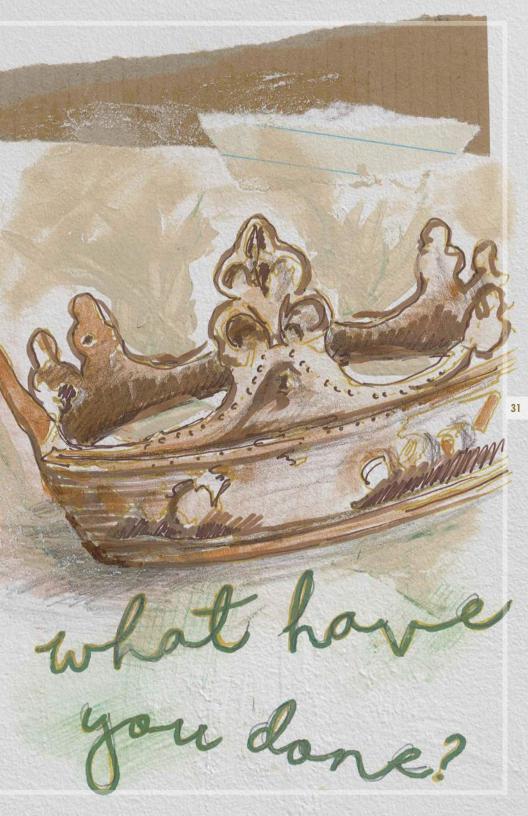
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He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him.

⁹ So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings." And he offered the burnt offering. ¹⁰ As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him and greet him. ¹¹ Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines had mustered at Michmash, ¹² I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the favor of the Lord.' So I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering." ¹³ And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you. For then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." ¹⁵ And Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal. The rest of the people went up after Saul to meet the army; they went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people who were present with him, about six hundred men. ¹⁶ And Saul and Jonathan his son and the people who were present with them stayed in Geba of Benjamin, but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.¹⁷ And raiders came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies. One company turned toward Ophrah, to the land of Shual; ¹⁸ another company turned toward Beth-horon; and another company turned toward the border that looks down on the Valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness. ¹⁹ Now there was no blacksmith to be found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make themselves swords or spears." ²⁰ But every one of the Israelites went down to the Philistines to sharpen his plowshare, his mattock, his axe, or his sickle, ²¹ and the charge was two-thirds of a shekel for the plowshares and for the mattocks, and a third of a shekel for sharpening the axes and for setting the goads. ²² So on the day of the battle there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people with Saul and Jonathan, but Saul and Jonathan his son had them.²³ And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.

1 Samuel 13:8-23



WEEK 6: What Have You Done?

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 13:8-23

THE POINT

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God will not be a means to our end. **The Lord our God the Lord is ONE.**

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MEMORY VERSE

Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you. – 1 Samuel 12:24

READING PLAN

мон: 1 Samuel 13:8-23 тие: Joshua 5:1-8 wed: Romans 1:18-32 тни: *Psalm 51* FRI: *Jeremiah 12* SAT: *Romans 5:12-21*

One day Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let us go over to the Philistine garrison on the other side." But he did not tell his father. ² Saul was staying in the outskirts of Gibeah in the pomegranate cave at Migron. The people who were with him were about six hundred men, ³ including Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, son of Phinehas, son of Eli, the priest of the Lord in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone. ⁴ Within the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistine garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side and a rocky crag on the other side. The name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.⁵ The one craq rose on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba. ⁶ Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the Lord will work for us, for nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few." ⁷ And his armor-bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold, I am with you heart and soul." ⁸ Then Jonathan said, "Behold, we will cross over to the men, and we will show ourselves to them. ⁹ If they say to us, 'Wait until we come to you,' then we will stand still in our place, and we will not go up to them. ¹⁰ But if they say, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up, for the Lord has given them into our hand. And this shall be the sign to us." ¹¹ So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, "Look, Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves." ¹² And the men of the garrison hailed Jonathan and his armor-bearer and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you a thing." And Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "Come up after me, for the Lord has given them into the hand of Israel." ¹³ Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, and his armor-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed them after him. ¹⁴ And that first strike, which Jonathan and his armor-bearer made, killed about twenty men within as it were half a furrow's length in an acre of land. ¹⁵ And there was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and even the raiders trembled, the earth guaked, and it became a very great panic.¹⁶ And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and behold, the multitude was dispersing here and there. ¹⁷ Then Saul said to the people who were with him, "Count and see who has gone from us." And when they had counted, behold, Jonathan and his armor-bearer were not there. ¹⁸ So Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring the ark of God here." For the ark of God went at that time with the people of Israel. ¹⁹ Now while Saul was talking to the priest, the tumult in the camp of the Philistines increased more and more.

So Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand." ²⁰ Then Saul and all the people who were with him rallied and went into the battle. And behold, every Philistine's sword was against his fellow, and there was very great confusion. ²¹ Now the Hebrews who had been with the Philistines before that time and who had gone up with them into the camp, even they also turned to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. ²² Likewise, when all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were fleeing, they too followed hard after them in the battle.

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1 Samuel 14:1-22

WEEK 7: Nothing Can Stop Him

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 14:1-22

THE POINT

All things are possible for one who believes. If the tomb is empty, then anything is possible.

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REFLECT

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 What would you do for the glory of God if you knew it wouldn't fail? What's keeping you from taking that step of faith? 2. Where have you seen God's faithfulness in your life or in the lives of others?

Which areas of your life are you trusting and believing God

for? What areas are you not trusting God with and why?

MEMORY VERSE

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." – 1 Samuel 16:7

READING PLAN

MON: 1 Samuel 14:1-22 TUE: Exodus 14 WED: Exodus 15:1-21 тни: Isaiah 40 FRI: Romans 8:18-39 SAT: Psalm 34

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SUMMARY: 1 Samuel 14:23-53

WRITTEN BY PASTOR RYAN STONE, MULTI-SITE & BAYMEADOWS CAMPUS PASTOR

At first glance, this passage sounds like the end of a battle story. But it is in fact the beginning of the end for the story of King Saul. Saul makes three crucial mistakes that begin the unraveling of his anointing and the end of his kingship.

First, instead of waiting for God to go before the Israelites in war as the Law instructs, Saul leads Israel to war telling the priest to "withdraw your hand." Almost prophetically, Saul's command to the priest was his declaration that he was choosing to neglect the preeminence of God (verses 18-19).

Second, as the army begins to invade the Philistine camp, Saul realizes his mistake as he sees the hard pressing of the men. In a moment that should have been filled with repentance, Saul uses religion to cover the conviction of his sin. He rashly vows that the entire army should fast until sun down. Anyone not fasting should be killed (verse 24).

Saul has neglected the preeminence of God and ignored the need for repentance. His actions, like ours, not only had consequences for himself but for all those around him. Jonathan, upon hearing the curse of his father, declared "My father has troubled the land" (verse 29). Later, as the sun set, the soldiers were so fatigued and hungry from fasting while at war they begin to eat the animals before draining the blood. Saul's actions brought trouble to the land and led the men of Israel into sin.



God is first and will not be second.

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And Samuel said to Saul, "The Lord sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel; now therefore listen to the words of the Lord.² Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'I have noted what Amalek did to Israel in opposing them on the way when they came up out of Egypt. ³ Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey."⁴ So Saul summoned the people and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand men on foot, and ten thousand men of Judah.⁵ And Saul came to the city of Amalek and lay in wait in the valley. ⁶ Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart; go down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the people of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.⁷ And Saul defeated the Amalekites from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt. ⁸ And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and devoted to destruction all the people with the edge of the sword. ⁹ But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them. All that was despised and worthless they devoted to destruction. ¹⁰ The word of the Lord came to Samuel: ¹¹ "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments." And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the Lord all night. ¹² And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told Samuel, "Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned and passed on and went down to Gilgal." ¹³ And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed be you to the Lord. I have performed the commandment of the Lord." ¹⁴ And Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?" ¹⁵ Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the Lord your God, and the rest we have devoted to destruction." ¹⁶ Then Samuel said to Saul, "Stop! I will tell you what the Lord said to me this night." And he said to him, "Speak." ¹⁷ And Samuel said, "Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. ¹⁸ And the Lord sent you on a mission and said, 'Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' ¹⁹ Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the Lord?" ²⁰ And Saul said to Samuel, "I have obeyed the voice of the Lord. I have gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to

destruction.²¹ But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal."²² And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king." 24 Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. ²⁵ Now therefore, please pardon my sin and return with me that I may bow before the Lord." ²⁶ And Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you. For you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel."²⁷ As Samuel turned to go away, Saul seized the skirt of his robe, and it tore. ²⁸ And Samuel said to him, "The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.²⁹ And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret." ³⁰ Then he said, "I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may bow before the

Lord your God." ³¹ So Samuel turned back after Saul,

and Saul bowed before the Lord. ³² Then Samuel said, "Bring here to me Agag the king of the Amalekites." And Agag came to him cheerfully. Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past." ³³ And Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." And Samuel hacked Agag to pieces before the Lord in Gilgal. ³⁴ Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

1 Samuel 15:1-35

WEEK 8: Me First

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 15:1-35

THE POINT

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We don't come to Jesus on our own terms and conditions. We either surrender to the Lordship of Christ or reject Him. Negotiating is not an option. **God will not be second.**

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READING PLAN

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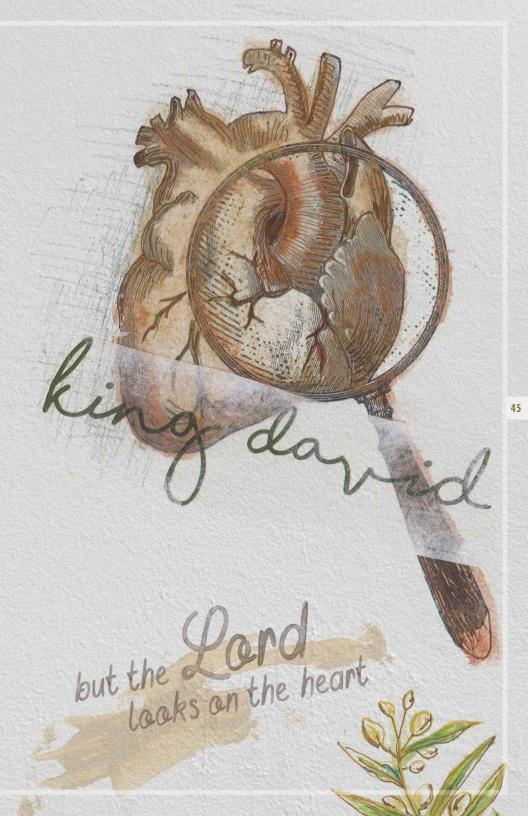
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The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16:1-13





WEEK 9: King David

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

THE POINT

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God does not call the equipped, but HE equips the called. "For the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

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READING PLAN

мон: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 тие: Matthew 5:1-12 wed: James 2:1-5 тни: Ephesians 3:14-21 FRI: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 SAT: Isaiah 55:6-9

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SUMMARY: 1 Samuel 16:14-16

WRITTEN BY PASTOR TODD HICKOX, FLEMING ISLAND CAMPUS PASTOR

God, in His sovereignty, rejected the kingship of Saul and anointed David as king. There is only one problem: with David's anointing does not come the appointing. Saul is still king, and David must wait. In the waiting, some interesting events take place. Again, under the umbrella of the sovereignty of the Lord, Saul is given an evil spirit FROM God to torment him. It just so happens that David, who has been given the spirit of God, was appointed as the minister of music for Saul to relieve him in his time of torment. David was learning the spirit of Saul at this time. Perhaps the Lord was peeling away the spirit of Saul from the future king. Perhaps the Lord was using this time to form the heart of David to be the greatest king Israel had ever known. What we know and see is that in the following chapter, God uses this young minister of music to win one of the greatest face-offs Israel had ever seen.

> God's will for your life has more to do with who you are in Him than what you are doing for Him. Serve Him regardless of what it looks like. He's worthy.

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WEEK 10

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.² And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in line of battle against the Philistines.³ And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.⁴ And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.⁵ He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.⁶ And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him. ⁸ He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." ¹⁰ And the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together." ¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.¹² Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons. In the days of Saul the man was already old and advanced in years. ¹³ The three oldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle. And the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.¹⁴ David was the youngest. The three eldest followed Saul, ¹⁵ but David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.¹⁶ For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening.¹⁷ And Jesse said to David his son, "Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them guickly to the camp to your brothers. ¹⁸ Also take these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand. See if your brothers are well, and bring some token from them." ¹⁹ Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.²⁰ And David rose early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper and took the provisions and went, as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the encampment as the host was going out to the battle line, shouting the war cry. ²¹ And Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army.²² And David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage and ran to the ranks and

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went and greeted his brothers. ²³ As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him. ²⁴ All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were much afraid. ²⁵ And the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel. And the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free in Israel."²⁶ And David said to the men who stood by him, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" ²⁷ And the people answered him in the same way, "So shall it be done to the man who kills him." ²⁸ Now Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men. And Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." ²⁹ And David said, "What have I done now? Was it not but a word?" ³⁰ And he turned away from him toward another, and spoke in the same way, and the people answered him again as before. ³¹ When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul, and he sent for him. ³² And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. ³⁶ Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ And David said, "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!" ³⁸ Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, ³⁹ and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine. ⁴¹ And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth,

ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." ⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand." ⁴⁸ When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. ⁵² And the men of Israel and Judah rose with a shout and pursued the Philistines as far as Gath and the gates of Ekron, so that the wounded Philistines fell on the way from Shaaraim as far as Gath and Ekron. ⁵³ And the people of Israel came back from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their camp. ⁵⁴ And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent. ⁵⁵ As soon as Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know." ⁵⁶ And the king said, "Inquire whose son the boy is." ⁵⁷ And as soon as David returned from the striking down of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. ⁵⁸ And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

1 Samuel 17:1-58

WEEK 10: Down Goes Goliath

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 17:1-58

THE POINT

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Jesus is the greater David. He stands in our places and puts to death once and for all our greatest giant, **our own sin.**

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READING PLAN

MON: 1 Samuel 17:1-58 TUE: Hebrews 11:32-40 WED: Romans 8:31-39 тни: *Luke 1:26-33* FRI: *Colossians 2:6-15* SAT: *Revelation 19-20*

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SUMMARY: 1 Samuel 18:1-6, 17-30

PART 1: WRITTEN BY PASTOR JOHN BARRINGER, ARLINGTON CAMPUS PASTOR

There should have been great enmity between Jonathan, the son of King Saul, and David. Yet Jonathan confirms David as God's chosen by befriending, clothing and arming him. This was but a faint picture of the future relationship God would make with His people through Jesus Christ. We, too, deserve enmity with Christ because of our sin, but in salvation Christ clothes us (Galatians 3:27), arms us (Ephesians 6:11) and befriends us (John 15:15). Thus, making knowledge of our heavenly Father possible.



We know the Father because of our friendship with the Son.

PART 2: WRITTEN BY SEVEN JOHNSON, CENTRAL YOUTH MINISTER

In 1 Samuel 18 verses 17-30, we see King Saul offering David his daughter Merab for marriage. David is blown away by this offer and doesn't understand how, with his lineage, he could be worthy enough to become the king's son-in-law. David does not know that this is a plot by Saul to actually get him killed at the hand of the Philistines. Unfortunately, Merab was given over to Adriel the Meholathite for a wife. Saul had another daughter named Michal who loved David. Saul offered her to David in exchange for one hundred Philistine foreskins. David brought back two hundred instead of just one, and was given Michal's hand in marriage. This placed fear in the heart of King Saul. He then knew that God was with David. This made Saul envious and David from that point on became his enemy.



The enemy can't stop what God has prepared for you.

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WEEK 11

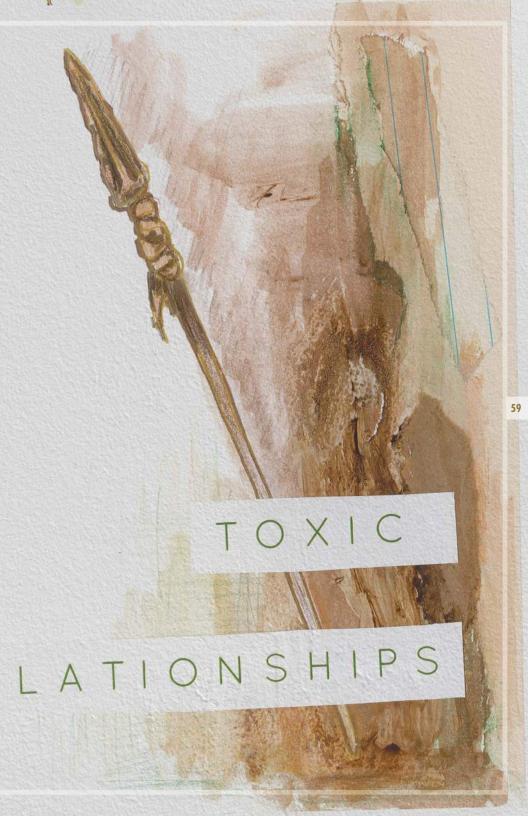
As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. ⁷ And the women sang to one another as they celebrated,

"Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands."

⁸ And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?" ⁹ And Saul eyed David from that day on. ¹⁰ The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. ¹¹ And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David evaded him twice. ¹² Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. ¹³ So Saul removed him from his presence and made him a commander of a thousand. And he went out and came in before the people. ¹⁴ And David had success in all his undertakings, for the Lord was with him. ¹⁵ And when Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in fearful awe of him. ¹⁶ But all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before the ment out and came in before the ment out and came in before the ment out and came in fearful awe of him. ¹⁶ But all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before them.

1 Samuel 18:6-16

And Saul hurled the spear...



WEEK 11: Toxic Relationships

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 18:6-16

THE POINT

What do you do when someone hurls a spear at you? You duck. You forgive. **And you NEVER hurl it back.**

N O T E S

REFLECT

1. How have you experienced God being with you through storms and successes?

2. What insecurities do you have? How have these insecurities affected your life?

 Where in your life do you need to believe more fully that God is with you?

MEMORY VERSE

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." – 1 Samuel 16:7

READING PLAN

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N O T E S

SUMMARY: 1 Samuel 19-23

WRITTEN BY PASTOR BEN PHILLIPS, MANDARIN CAMPUS PASTOR

In chapter 18, we saw Saul become jealous of David, become enraged, and try to kill him by throwing spears at him. In chapter 19, we see the jealousy grow and Saul begins to tell his son Jonathan and his servants that he is going to kill David. But Jonathan convinces him not to kill David. That lasts just a couple of verses as David succeeds again and Saul becomes even more jealous and decides to try to kill him again. Saul throws a spear and misses, sends him off to die alone in battle, sends men to ambush David in his home as he sleeps, and chases David all over Israel trying to kill him. During this time, people left and right betray David, turn their back on David, and make David an outcast. And for what? For following God and honorably serving King Saul. David throughout this whole time does nothing wrong, yet it seems that over and again his world is crushed. But what is also apparent throughout is that God is with David, God has favor on David, and God is preparing David to be the greatest king Israel will ever have.

Eventually David has to leave his home, leave the kingdom, and leave his family...all alone. He doesn't stay alone forever; the last thing we see in chapter 23 is David with hundreds of other broken, cast off, cast out men, and Saul trying to kill David and all those with him.

> "When God has an impossible task to accomplish, he finds an impossible person and crushes them. So leave room in your life for the crushing... Leave room for the crushing. In every great work of God, brokenness and failure are necessary."

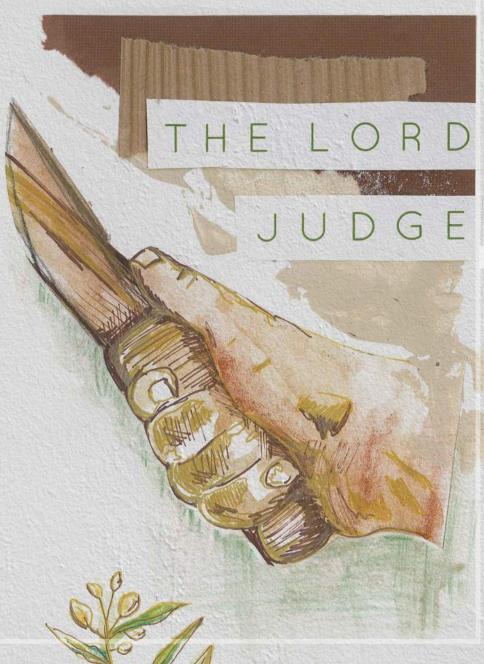
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WEEK 12

When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi." ² Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Wildgoats' Rocks. ³ And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. ⁴ And the men of David said to him, "Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.'" Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe. ⁵ And afterward David's heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe. ⁶ He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the Lord's anointed." ⁷ So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.⁸ Afterward David also arose and went out of the cave, and called after Saul, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth and paid homage.⁹ And David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of men who say, 'Behold, David seeks your harm'? ¹⁰ Behold, this day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you today into my hand in the cave. And some told me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not put out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed.' ¹¹ See, my father, see the corner of your robe in my hand. For by the fact that I cut off the corner of your robe and did not kill you, you may know and see that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you hunt my life to take it. ¹² May the Lord judge between me and you, may the Lord avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you. ¹³ As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Out of the wicked comes wickedness.' But my hand shall not be against you. ¹⁴ After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog! After a flea! ¹⁵ May the Lord therefore be judge and give sentence between me and you, and see to it and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand." ¹⁶ As soon as David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. ¹⁷ He said to David, "You are more righteous than I, for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil. ¹⁸ And you have declared this day how you have dealt well with me, in that you did not kill me when the Lord put me into your hands. ¹⁹ For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away safe? So may the Lord reward you with good for what you have done to me this day. ²⁰ And now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. ²¹ Swear to me therefore by the Lord that you will not cut off my offspring after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house." ²² And David swore this to Saul. Then Saul went home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

1 Samuel 24:1-22



WEEK 12: The Lord Judge

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 24:1-22

THE POINT

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How much do you trust God? Opportunity does not equal anointing. You cannot give me what the Lord has not, and you cannot keep me from what the Lord has.

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READING PLAN

MON: 1 Samuel 24:1-22 TUE: Matthew 16 WED: Romans 12:9-21 тни: Hebrews 10:19-31 ғпі: Psalm 94 sat: Nahum 1

N O T E S

SUMMARY: 1 Samuel 25-31

WRITTEN BY PASTOR JONATHAN VINKE, WORSHIP PASTOR

In this section of 1 Samuel we see a lot happen. Samuel the prophet dies and is buried, and the nation of Israel mourns for him. Through a series of events, David marries a second wife named Abigail who had been kind to him and kept him from dealing harshly with her husband who had insulted him. David again has the opportunity to kill King Saul but does not out of reverence for the Lord, in spite of the willingness of his men to kill Saul for him. David then decides to leave Israel and live in Philistine territory, assuming that Saul will continue to try to kill him at any opportunity.

The Philistine army comes against King Saul in great number. When Saul is unable to hear from the Lord, he summons a medium, a person who communicates with the spirits of dead people, to ask Samuel whether or not he will succeed against the Philistines. Samuel tells Saul that not only will Israel be defeated, but that he and his sons will all be killed in battle. This will be the fulfillment of God's earlier words to Saul that God had rejected him.

Although some leaders of the Philistines trust David, others are sure that he is still faithful to Israel and do not allow him to fight in the battle against King Saul. When David comes back from the battle line, he finds that his entire family has been taken captive by the Amalekites, another enemy of Israel, and he and his men are greatly distressed. David prays to the Lord and receives assurance that he will defeat the Amalekites who have taken his family captive. David and his men pursue them, get back their wives and children unharmed, and return with great spoil. The book ends with Samuel's final prophecy being fulfilled: the Philistines defeat Saul's army, and he and his three sons are killed.

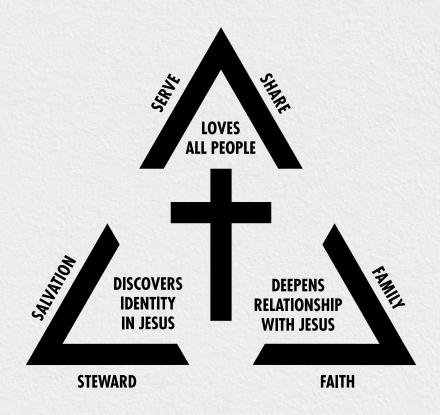
When the whole world turns against you, you can always turn to the Lord and find strength.

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EXPLORE...WHERE ARE YOU ON THE JOURNEY?

LOVES ALL PEOPLE

SERVING OTHERS

Where are you serving?

How is God stretching and challenging you through serving there?

What is holding you back from serving?

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Who is the #ONEMORE person you are praying for to meet Jesus?

How have you shared your story with them?

Have you shared the gospel with them?

If not what's keeping you from sharing the gospel?

DISCOVERS IDENTITY IN JESUS

SALVATION IN CHRIST ALONE

Have you surrendered your life to Jesus?

What part of your life are you trying to control on your own?

STEWARDING EVERYTHING GOD HAS GIVEN YOU

How has God blessed you with talents, spiritual gifts and resources?

How are you using what God has given you to point people to Jesus?

DEEPENS RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

FAITH FUELED BY WORSHIP, WORD AND PRAYER

How do you most deeply connect with God?

Tell me about your most recent experience connecting with God.

What is God revealing to you in your personal time with Him?

FAMILY FUELED BY LIFE TOGETHER

Are you surrounding yourself with people who are pointing you to Jesus?

Who's in your world that you are vulnerable and honest with?

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