

a LoveGodGreatly Bible Study Journal

# David

HIS STORY IS OUR STORY





# Welcome

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I am so glad you are here! Before we begin this new session, I want to take the time and let you know that YOU have been prayed for! It is not a coincidence you are participating in this online Bible study.

My prayer for you this session is simple: **that you will grow closer to our Lord as you dig into His Word each and every day!** As you develop the discipline of being in God's Word on a daily basis, I pray you will fall in love with Him even more as you spend time reading from the Bible.

Each day before you read the assigned Scripture(s), pray and ask God to help you understand it. Invite Him to speak to you through His Word. Then listen. **It's His job to speak to you and your job to listen and obey.**

Take time to read the verses over and over again. We are told in Proverbs to *search and you will find*.

*"Search for it like silver, and hunt for it like hidden treasure. Then you will understand."*

We are thrilled to provide many different resources for you as you participate in our online Bible study:

- Life of David Study Journal (print out or purchase online)
- Reading Plan
- Weekly Blog posts (Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays)
- Weekly Memory Verses
- Weekly Monday Videos
- Weekly Challenges
- Online community: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LoveGodGreatly.com
- Hashtags: #LoveGodGreatly

All of us here at Love God Greatly can't wait to get started with you and hope to see you at the finish line. **Endure, persevere, press on – and don't give up!** Let's finish well what we are beginning today. We will be here every step of the way, *cheering you on!* **We are in this together.** Fight to rise early, to push back the stress of the day, to sit alone and spend time in God's Word! I can't wait to see what God has in store for us this session!

Journey with us as we learn to **Love God Greatly** with our lives!!!

Angela

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# Our Community

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Love God Greatly consists of a beautiful community of women who use a variety of technology platforms to keep each other accountable in God's Word.

*We start with a simple Bible reading plan, but it doesn't stop there.*

Some gather in homes and churches locally, while others connect online with women across the globe. Whatever the method, we lovingly lock arms and unite for this purpose...

*to Love God Greatly with our lives.*

In today's fast-paced technology driven world, it would be easy to study God's Word in an isolated environment that lacks encouragement or support, but that isn't the intention here at Love God Greatly. God created us to live in community with Him and with those around us.

*We need each other, and we live life better together.*

**Because of this, would you consider reaching out and studying with someone this session?**

**All of us have women in our lives who need friendship, accountability, and have the desire to dive into God's Word on a deeper level.** Rest assured we'll be studying right alongside you - learning with you, cheering for you, enjoying sweet fellowship, and smiling from ear to ear as we watch God unite women together - intentionally connecting hearts and minds for His glory.

**It's pretty unreal - this opportunity we have to not only grow closer to God through this study, but also to each other.**

So here's the challenge: call your mom, your sister, your grandma, the girl across the street or the college friend across the country. Grab a group of girls from your church or workplace, or meet in a coffee shop with friends you have always wished you knew better. Utilize the beauty of connecting online for inspiration and accountability, and take opportunities to meet in person when you can.

*Arm in arm and hand in hand,  
let's do this thing... together.*

# How to Soap

We're proud of you.

We *really* want you to know that.

**We're proud of you for making the commitment to be in God's Word...** to be reading it each day and applying it to YOUR life - the beautiful life our Lord has given YOU.

Each session we offer a study journal that goes along with the verses we are reading. This journal is designed to help you interact with God's Word and learn to dig deeper - encouraging you to slow down to really reflect on what God is saying to you that day.

**At Love God Greatly, we use the S.O.A.P. Bible study method. Before we begin, we'd like to take a moment to define this method and share WHY we recommend using it during your quiet time.**

## **Why S.O.A.P. it?**

It's one thing to simply read Scripture. But when you interact with it, intentionally slowing down to REALLY reflect on it, suddenly words start popping off the page. The SOAP method allows you to dig deeper into Scripture and see more than if you simply read the verses and then went on your merry way. We encourage you to take the time to S.O.A.P. through our Bible studies and see for yourself how much more you get out of your daily reading. You'll be amazed.

## **What does S.O.A.P. mean?**

**S-** The S stands for Scripture. Physically write out the verses. You'll be amazed at what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and write out what you are reading!

**O-** The O stands for Observation. What do you see in the verses that you're reading? Who is the intended audience? Is there a repetition of words? What words stand out to you?

**A-** The A stands for Application. This is when God's Word becomes personal. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there action that I need to take?

**P-** And finally, P stands for Prayer. Pray God's Word back to Him. Spend time thanking Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. If He has revealed some sin that is in your life, confess. And remember, He loves you dearly.



## EXAMPLE: Read: Colossians 1:5-8

**S-** The faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

**O-**

- When you combine faith and love, you get hope.
- We have to remember that our hope is in heaven... it is yet to come.
- The gospel is the Word of Truth.
- The gospel is continually bearing fruit and growing from the first day to the last.
- It just takes one person to change a whole community... Epaphras.

**A-** God used one man, Epaphras, to change a whole town! I was reminded that we are simply called to tell others about Christ -it's God's job to spread the gospel, to grow it, and have it bear fruit. I felt today's verses were almost directly spoken to LGG... *"all over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth."* It's so fun when God's Word becomes so alive and encourages us in our current situation! My passionate desire is that all the women involved in this Bible study will understand God's grace and have a thirst for His Word. Moved by this quote from my Bible commentary: ***"God's Word is not just for our information, it is for our transformation."***

**P-** Dear Lord, please help me to be an "Epaphras" - to tell others about You and then leave the results in Your loving hands. Please help me to understand and apply what I have read today to my life personally, thereby becoming more and more like You each and every day. Help me to live a life that bears the fruit of faith and love... anchoring my hope in heaven, not here on earth. Help me to remember that the BEST is yet to come!

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**Remember, the most important ingredients in the S.O.A.P. method are YOUR interaction with God's Word and your APPLICATION of His Word to YOUR life.**

**Blessed is the man whose *"delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."* ~ Psalm 1:2-3**

# Soap Reading Plan

		Read	SOAP
WEEK 1	Monday	1 Samuel 16: 1-12; Psalm 78:70-72	Psalm 78:70-72
	Tuesday	1 Sam 17: 12-15; 32-37	1 Sam 17:14,15
	Wednesday	Ezekiel 34:15-31	Ezekiel 34:15-16, 31
	Thursday	Isaiah 40:9-11	Isaiah 40:10-11
	Friday	Psalm 100	Psalm 100:3
	Response Day		
WEEK 2	Monday	2 Sam. 5:1-5, 9-12	2 Sam. 5:10
	Tuesday	2 Samuel 7:8,9,16	2 Samuel 7:16
	Wednesday	John 18:33-37	John 18:36
	Thursday	Isaiah 9:6-7	Isaiah 9:7
	Friday	Romans 8:17; Ephesians 2:19	Ephesians 2:19
	Response Day		
WEEK 3	Monday	1 Samuel 21:10-13	1 Samuel 21: 12-13
	Tuesday	2 Samuel 12:1-17	2 Samuel 12:16-17
	Wednesday	John 1-4, 14	John 1:14
	Thursday	Hebrews 2:14-18	hebrews 2:17-18
	Friday	John 15:5; 2 Corinthians 12:9	2 Corinthians 12:9
	Response Day		
WEEK 4	Monday	1 Samuel 18:6-16	1 Samuel 18:14
	Tuesday	Psalm 144: 1-4	Psalm 144:1
	Wednesday	Revelation 19:11-16	Revelation 19:11
	Thursday	Psalm 24	Psalm 24: 8
	Friday	Ephesians 6:10-18	Ephesians 6:10-13
	Response Day		
WEEK 5	Monday	1 Samuel 18:1-5; 20:42; 23:16-18	1 Samuel 20:42
	Tuesday	2 Samuel 1:1-27	2 Samuel 1:26
	Wednesday	John 15:13-17	John 15:15
	Thursday	Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 18:24	Proverbs 17:17
	Friday	Ephesians 4:29-32	Ephesians 4:32
	Response Day		
WEEK 6	Monday	2 Samuel 11:1-27	2 Samuel 11:27
	Tuesday	2 Samuel 12:1-15	2 Samuel 12:13-15
	Wednesday	1 Timothy 1:12-16	1 Timothy 1:15
	Thursday	Genesis 8:21; 1 John 1:8-9	1 John 1:8-9
	Friday	Acts 3:19	Acts 3:19
	Response Day		
WEEK 7	Monday	Acts 13:22	Acts 13:22
	Tuesday	1 Samuel 13: 8-15	1 Samuel 13:14
	Wednesday	Matthew 17:1-7	Matthew 17:5
	Thursday	Matthew 10:29-31	Matthew 10:29-31
	Friday	1 Peter 2:9-10	1 Peter 2:9
	Response Day		
WEEK 8	Monday	1 Samuel 17:33-47	1 Samuel 17:45
	Tuesday	Psalm 27	Psalm 27:1
	Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 3:1-5	2 Thessalonians 3:3-5
	Thursday	Jeremiah 17:7-8	Jeremiah 17:7-8
	Friday	Hebrews 10:19-25	Hebrews 10:21-23
	Response Day		

# Goals

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We believe it's important to write out goals for each session. Take some time now and write three goals you would like to focus on this session as we begin to rise each day and dig into God's Word. Make sure and refer back to these goals throughout the next eight weeks to help you stay focused. **YOU CAN DO IT!!!**

My goals for this session are:

1.

2.

3.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Introduction to David

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Out of all the people in the Bible, I find David to be the most fascinating. God has graciously given us a lot of information about him, allowing us to learn about his younger years, his family, his victories, and his failings. We see him serving his family as a shepherd, forging boldly into battle, and ruling wisely over Israel. But we also witness his sinful side. From adultery, to deception, to murder... David makes some pretty wicked decisions. Even in these events we behold the justice and the grace of God.

David's life is dotted with intrigue, drama, devastation, and restoration. No matter who you are you can relate to some, if not much, of David's life.

**But whenever we study historical narratives we always need to look beyond the person to the God whose hand is in and over the story.** We must always ask ourselves "What do I learn about God in all of this?" and "How should this knowledge impact me?"

David was considered a man after God's own heart, though he was a sinner. His faith was true and his loyalty to his Lord was real... but flawed. Yet we must look beyond David to the God who gives power and takes it away. See if you can spot God's faithfulness, His kindness, His patience, His justice, His mercy, and His grace in the life of David. **For the God of David is our God as well.**

## David, a Type of Christ

Throughout the Old Testament we come across what theologians call "types of Christ." It was God's intent that certain people, events, and even objects in the Old Testament would point to Jesus and His work on behalf of His people. For example, the manna that God provided the people of Israel was a "type," pointing to Jesus who is the true bread from heaven that satisfies souls (John 6:32). Other types include the temple, Boaz, Jonah, and the cleansing with hyssop, just to name a few.

**David is considered to be a type of Christ, meaning that his life prefigures that of Jesus.** A number of times in Matthew Jesus is referred to as "the Son of David." David was God's anointed and unrecognized king just as Jesus was God's anointed yet unrecognized King when He walked this earth. David and Jesus were both born in Bethlehem and both were rejected by their own people. David was a shepherd and Jesus calls himself the Great Shepherd. The comparisons between David and Jesus are extensive. If you are interested in seeing all the ways that David is a type of Christ, I recommend Jonathan Edwards' article on the topic here: <http://feedingonchrist.com/jonathan-edwards-on-david-as-a-type-of-christ/>

In light of this, we have set the structure of this study up a little differently. Mondays and Tuesdays we will examine David's life. Wednesdays and Thursdays we will look at Jesus, and Fridays we will examine ourselves.

The life God chose for David truly was a life of adventure rooted in faith, and we are blessed to be able to learn so much about him in God's Word. For those in Christ, we too have the potential to exhibit unwavering loyalty and faith in our God because we have the Spirit of God in us. **Through the power of Christ, we too can become women after God's own heart.**

Looking to Jesus,

*Jen*

# Week 1

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**Week 1 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):**

**Prayer focus for this week:** Spend time praying for your family members.

*Praying*

*Praise*

*Monday*

*Tuesday*

*Wednesday*

*Thursday*

*Friday*



Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us,  
and we are his;  
we are his people,  
and the sheep of his pasture.

*Psalm 100:3 (ESV)*

# Scripture for Week 1

## DAVID THE SHEPHERD BOY

### MONDAY

### 1 SAMUEL 16:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> 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.” <sup>2</sup> 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.’” <sup>3</sup> 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.” <sup>4</sup> 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?” <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him.” <sup>7</sup> 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.” <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup> And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup> 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.” <sup>12</sup> 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.”

### PSALM 78:70-72 (ESV)

<sup>70</sup> He chose David his servant  
and took him from the sheepfolds;  
<sup>71</sup> from following the nursing ewes he brought him  
to shepherd Jacob his people,  
Israel his inheritance.  
<sup>72</sup> With upright heart he shepherded them  
and guided them with his skillful hand.

## TUESDAY

*1 SAMUEL 17:12-15, 32-37 (ESV)*

<sup>12</sup> 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.<sup>13</sup> 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.<sup>14</sup> David was the youngest. The three eldest followed Saul,<sup>15</sup> but David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

<sup>32</sup> And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."<sup>33</sup> 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."<sup>34</sup> 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,<sup>35</sup> 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.<sup>36</sup> 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."<sup>37</sup> 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!"

## WEDNESDAY - GOD THE BETTER SHEPHERD

*EZEKIEL 34:15-31 (ESV)*

<sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God.<sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>17</sup> "As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.<sup>18</sup> Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet?<sup>19</sup> And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup> "Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.<sup>21</sup> Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad,<sup>22</sup> I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep.<sup>23</sup> And I will set up over

them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

<sup>25</sup> “I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. <sup>26</sup> And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. <sup>27</sup> And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land. And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them. <sup>28</sup> They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them. They shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. <sup>29</sup> And I will provide for them renowned plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations. <sup>30</sup> And they shall know that I am the Lord their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord God. <sup>31</sup> And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord God.”

## THURSDAY

## *ISAIAH 40:9-11 (ESV)*

<sup>9</sup> Go on up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Behold your God!”  
<sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
<sup>11</sup> He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.

## FRIDAY

## *PSALM 100 (ESV)*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

# Monday

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**Read:** 1 Samuel 16:1-12; Psalm 78:70-72

**Soap:** Psalm 78:70-72

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.



# Monday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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-Visit our website today for the corresponding blog post!-

# Tuesday

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**Read:** 1 Samuel 17:12-15; 32-37

**Soap:** 1 Samuel 17:14,15

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Tuesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Wednesday

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**Read:** Ezekiel 34:15-31

**Soap:** Ezekiel 34:15-16, 31

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Wednesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Thursday

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**Read:** Isaiah 40:9-11

**Soap:** Isaiah 40:10-11

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.



# Thursday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Friday

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**Read:** Psalm 100

**Soap:** Psalm 100:3

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Friday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Reflection Questions

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1. How has God gone before you and prepared you to be a “David” to the people in your life?
2. God cares more about the condition of our hearts than He cares about how we appear on the outside. David was the youngest, and yet God chose him over his older, bigger brothers. How does this truth encourage your heart today?
3. Viewing God as our Shepherd, what is one area of your life that you need to allow Him to lead you?
4. What is one way God has carried you through a hard time and gently led you out of it? Take a few moments to thank Him for His tender loving care!
5. How does reading Psalm 100:3 bring comfort to your heart?

# *My Response*

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# Week 2

**Week 2 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):**

**Prayer focus for this week:** Spend time praying for your country.

*Praying*

*Praise*

*Monday*

*Tuesday*

*Wednesday*

*Thursday*

*Friday*



And David became greater and  
greater, for the Lord, the God of  
hosts, was with him.

*2 Samuel 5:10 (ESV)*

# Scripture for Week 2

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## DAVID THE KING

### MONDAY

*2 SAMUEL 5:1-5, 9-12 (ESV)*

<sup>5</sup> Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Behold, we are your bone and flesh. <sup>2</sup> In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the Lord said to you, ‘You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.’” <sup>3</sup> So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup> David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup> At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

<sup>9</sup> And David lived in the stronghold and called it the city of David. And David built the city all around from the Millo inward. <sup>10</sup> And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

<sup>11</sup> And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, also carpenters and masons who built David a house. <sup>12</sup> And David knew that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

### TUESDAY

*2 SAMUEL 7:8, 9, 16 (ESV)*

<sup>8</sup> Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, “Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel.

<sup>9</sup> And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

## WEDNESDAY - JESUS THE BETTER KING

*JOHN 18:33-37 (ESV)*

<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

## THURSDAY

*ISAIAH 9:6-7 (ESV)*

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## FRIDAY

*ROMANS 8:17 (ESV)*

<sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

*EPHESIANS 2:19 (ESV)*

<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God

# Monday

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**Read:** 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-12

**Soap:** 2 Samuel 5:10

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Monday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Tuesday

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**Read:** 2 Samuel 7:8, 9, 16

**Soap:** 2 Samuel 7:16

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*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Tuesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Wednesday

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**Read:** John 18:33-37

**Soap:** John 18:36

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.



# Wednesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Thursday

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**Read:** Isaiah 9:6-7

**Soap:** Isaiah 9:7

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Thursday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Friday

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**Read:** Romans 8:17; Ephesians 2:19

**Soap:** Ephesians 2:19

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Friday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Reflection Questions

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1. Even though the kingdom had been promised to David when Samuel anointed him, David had to wait many years to finally see the promise over his life fulfilled. Does God have you in a period of waiting? What do you think He is teaching you during this time?
2. Why do you think David found such favor with the Lord?
3. Because Jesus' kingdom was not of this world, what He loved and valued was different from what the world loves and values. Why is it important to remember this truth?
4. Justice and peace are coming when Jesus reigns on David's throne. How does having this perspective help you deal with injustices and conflict in your life?
5. Knowing that you are of God's household, how does that change the way you view yourself?

# *My Response*

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# Week 3

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**Week 3 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):**

**Prayer focus for this week:** Spend time praying for your friends.

*Praying*

*Praise*

*Monday*

*Tuesday*

*Wednesday*

*Thursday*

*Friday*



But he said to me, “My grace  
is sufficient for you, for my  
power is made perfect in  
weakness.” Therefore I will  
boast all the more gladly of my  
weaknesses, so that the power of  
Christ may rest upon me.

*2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)*

# Scripture for Week 3

## DAVID THE MAN

### MONDAY

#### 1 SAMUEL 21:10-13 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> And David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath. <sup>11</sup> And the servants of Achish said to him, “Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances,

‘Saul has struck down his thousands,  
and David his ten thousands?’”

<sup>12</sup> And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath.<sup>13</sup> So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard.

### TUESDAY

#### 2 SAMUEL 12:1-17 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” <sup>5</sup> Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, <sup>6</sup> and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

<sup>7</sup> Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> And I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. <sup>9</sup> Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ <sup>11</sup> Thus says the Lord, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take

your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. <sup>12</sup> For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.” <sup>13</sup> David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die.” <sup>15</sup> Then Nathan went to his house.

And the Lord afflicted the child that Uriah’s wife bore to David, and he became sick. <sup>16</sup> David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. <sup>17</sup> And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them.

## **WEDNESDAY - JESUS THE BETTER MAN**

*JOHN 1:1-4, 14 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## **THURSDAY**

*HEBREWS 2:14-18 (ESV)*

<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

## **FRIDAY**

*JOHN 15:5 (ESV)*

<sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

*2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 (ESV)*

<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

# Monday

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**Read:** 1 Samuel 21:10-13

**Soap:** 1 Samuel 21:12-13

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Monday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Tuesday

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**Read:** 2 Samuel 12:1-17

**Soap:** 2 Samuel 12:16-17

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Tuesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Wednesday

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**Read:** John 1:1-4, 14

**Soap:** John 1:14

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.



# Wednesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Thursday

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**Read:** Hebrews 2:14-18

**Soap:** Hebrews 2:17-18

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Thursday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Friday

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**Read:** John 15:5; 2 Corinthians 12:9

**Soap:** 2 Corinthians 12:9

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Friday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Reflection Questions

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1. When Nathan confronted David with his sin in 2 Samuel 12:1-17, how did David respond? How would you have responded?
2. Why do you think God forgave David of his sin of sleeping with Bathsheba but didn't take away the consequence of his actions?
3. Why is it important to understand that Jesus dwelt among us (John 1:14)?
4. How does knowing that Jesus willingly came to us and experienced heartbreak, temptations, and ultimately great suffering on our behalf help us approach Him now when we are heartbroken or tempted?
5. Give one example of how God's power has been displayed in your weakness. What was the impact on those around you?

# *My Response*

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# Week 4

**Week 4 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):**

**Prayer focus for this week:** Spend time praying for your church.

*Praying*

*Praise*

*Monday*

*Tuesday*

*Wednesday*

*Thursday*

*Friday*



Finally, be strong in the Lord  
and in the strength of his might.

*Ephesians 6:10 (ESV)*

# Scripture for Week 4

## DAVID THE WARRIOR

### MONDAY

*1 SAMUEL 18:6-16 (ESV)*

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> And the women sang to one another as they celebrated,

“Saul has struck down his thousands,  
and David his ten thousands.”

<sup>8</sup> 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?” <sup>9</sup> And Saul eyed David from that day on.

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, “I will pin David to the wall.” But David evaded him twice.

<sup>12</sup> Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> And David had success in all his undertakings, for the Lord was with him. <sup>15</sup> And when Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in fearful awe of him. <sup>16</sup> But all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before them.

### TUESDAY

*PSALM 144:1-4 (ESV)*

Blessed be the Lord, my rock,  
who trains my hands for war,  
and my fingers for battle;  
<sup>2</sup> he is my steadfast love and my fortress,  
my stronghold and my deliverer,  
my shield and he in whom I take refuge,  
who subdues peoples under me.  
<sup>3</sup> O Lord, what is man that you regard him,  
or the son of man that you think of him?  
<sup>4</sup> Man is like a breath;  
his days are like a passing shadow.

## WEDNESDAY - JESUS THE BETTER WARRIOR    *REVELATION 19:11-16 (ESV)*

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. <sup>13</sup> He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

## THURSDAY

## *PSALM 24 (ESV)*

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,  
<sup>2</sup> for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.  
<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
<sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.  
<sup>5</sup> He will receive blessing from the Lord  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
<sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*  
<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
<sup>8</sup> Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle!  
<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
<sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory! *Selah*

## FRIDAY

## *EPHESIANS 6:10-18 (ESV)*

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints



# Monday

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**Read:** 1 Samuel 18:6-16

**Soap:** 1 Samuel 18:14

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Monday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Tuesday

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**Read:** Psalm 144: 1-4

**Soap:** Psalm 144:1

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.



# Tuesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Wednesday

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**Read:** Revelation 19:11-16

**Soap:** Revelation 19:11

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Wednesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Thursday

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**Read:** Psalm 24

**Soap:** Psalm 24: 8

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Thursday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Friday

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**Read:** Ephesians 6:10-18

**Soap:** Ephesians 6:10-13

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Friday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Reflection Questions

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1. In 1 Samuel 18:14 it states that the Lord was with David. What was it about David that pleased God so much?
2. According to Psalm 144:1-2 who trains us for the battles we will face? What role does He play in our battles?
3. The first time Jesus came to us He came as a baby. The second time He comes He will be sitting on a white horse and will bring righteous judgment. How does seeing Jesus as a warrior change your view of Him?
4. David wasn't necessarily all that brave; he just believed God is who He says He is. How is God described in Psalm 24:8? How does this truth give us courage to be brave in our battles?
5. There is no doubt that our lives are filled with visible and invisible battles. Looking at Ephesians 6:10-13, how are we to prepare for these battles?



# *My Response*

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# Week 5

**Week 5 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):**

**Prayer focus for this week:** Spend time praying for missionaries.

*Praying*

*Praise*

*Monday*

*Tuesday*

*Wednesday*

*Thursday*

*Friday*

Be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one  
another, as God in Christ  
forgave you.

*Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)*

# Scripture for Week 5

## DAVID THE FRIEND

### MONDAY

**1 SAMUEL 18:1-5 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. <sup>2</sup> And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. <sup>3</sup> Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. <sup>4</sup> And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. <sup>5</sup> And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

**1 SAMUEL 20:42 (ESV)**

<sup>42</sup> Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, because we have sworn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying, 'The Lord shall be between me and you, and between my offspring and your offspring, forever.'" And he rose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city.

**1 SAMUEL 23:16-18 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this." <sup>18</sup> And the two of them made a covenant before the Lord. David remained at Horesh, and Jonathan went home.

### TUESDAY

**2 SAMUEL 1:1-27 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> After the death of Saul, when David had returned from striking down the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. <sup>2</sup> And on the third day, behold, a man came from Saul's camp, with his clothes torn and dirt on his head. And when he came to David, he fell to the ground and paid homage. <sup>3</sup> David said to him, "Where do you come from?" And he said to him, "I have escaped from the camp of Israel." <sup>4</sup> And David said to him, "How did it go? Tell me." And he answered, "The people fled from the battle, and also many of the people have fallen and are dead, and Saul and his son Jonathan are also dead."<sup>5</sup> Then David said to the young man who

told him, “How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?” <sup>6</sup> And the young man who told him said, “By chance I happened to be on Mount Gilboa, and there was Saul leaning on his spear, and behold, the chariots and the horsemen were close upon him. <sup>7</sup> And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called to me. And I answered, ‘Here I am.’ <sup>8</sup> And he said to me, ‘Who are you?’ I answered him, ‘I am an Amalekite.’ <sup>9</sup> And he said to me, ‘Stand beside me and kill me, for anguish has seized me, and yet my life still lingers.’ <sup>10</sup> So I stood beside him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and the armlet that was on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord.”

<sup>11</sup> Then David took hold of his clothes and tore them, and so did all the men who were with him. <sup>12</sup> And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son and for the people of the Lord and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword. <sup>13</sup> And David said to the young man who told him, “Where do you come from?” And he answered, “I am the son of a sojourner, an Amalekite.” <sup>14</sup> David said to him, “How is it you were not afraid to put out your hand to destroy the Lord’s anointed?” <sup>15</sup> Then David called one of the young men and said, “Go, execute him.” And he struck him down so that he died. <sup>16</sup> And David said to him, “Your blood be on your head, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, ‘I have killed the Lord’s anointed.’”

<sup>17</sup> And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and Jonathan his son, <sup>18</sup> and he said it should be taught to the people of Judah; behold, it is written in the Book of Jashar. He said:

<sup>19</sup> “Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places!  
How the mighty have fallen!

<sup>20</sup> Tell it not in Gath,  
publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon,  
lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,  
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.

<sup>21</sup> “You mountains of Gilboa,  
let there be no dew or rain upon you,  
nor fields of offerings!  
For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,  
the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.

<sup>22</sup> “From the blood of the slain,  
from the fat of the mighty,  
the bow of Jonathan turned not back,  
and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

<sup>23</sup> “Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!  
In life and in death they were not divided;  
they were swifter than eagles;  
they were stronger than lions.  
<sup>24</sup> “You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,  
who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet,  
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.  
<sup>25</sup> “How the mighty have fallen  
in the midst of the battle!  
“Jonathan lies slain on your high places.  
<sup>26</sup> I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;  
very pleasant have you been to me;  
your love to me was extraordinary,  
surpassing the love of women.  
<sup>27</sup> “How the mighty have fallen,  
and the weapons of war perished!”

## WEDNESDAY - JESUS THE BEST FRIEND

*JOHN 15:13-17 (ESV)*

<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

## THURSDAY

*PROVERBS 17:17 (ESV)*

<sup>17</sup> A friend loves at all times,  
and a brother is born for adversity.

*PROVERBS 18:24 (ESV)*

A man of many companions may come to ruin,  
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

## FRIDAY

**EPHESIANS 4:29-32 (ESV)**

<sup>29</sup> Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

# Monday

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**Read:** 1 Samuel 18:1-5; 20:42; 23:16-18

**Soap:** 1 Samuel 20:42

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.



# Monday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Tuesday

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**Read:** 2 Samuel 1:1-27

**Soap:** 2 Samuel 1:26

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Tuesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Wednesday

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**Read:** John 15:13-17

**Soap:** John 15:15

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Wednesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Thursday

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**Read:** Proverbs 17:17; 18:24

**Soap:** Proverbs 17:17

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*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Thursday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Friday

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**Read:** Ephesians 4:29-32

**Soap:** Ephesians 4:32

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.



# Friday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Reflection Questions

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1. Friends are one of God's greatest blessings in our lives. Who is your "Jonathan"? Make a point today to call that person to thank them for their friendship.

2. What a blessing it is to be called a friend of Jesus! What does that mean to you?

3. What is one way you can deepen and be more intentional in your friendship with Jesus?

4. Being in a healthy, committed friendship requires time with that person, honesty, and vulnerability. How would you rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 in each of those areas?

5. Why do you think "forgiving one another" is included in Ephesians 4:32 when describing how Christians are supposed to treat each other? What impact does forgiveness have on a friendship?

# *My Response*

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# Week 6

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**Week 6 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):**

**Prayer focus for this week:** Spend time praying for you.

*Praying*

*Praise*

*Monday*

*Tuesday*

*Wednesday*

*Thursday*

*Friday*

Repent therefore,  
and turn back, that your sins  
may be blotted out.

*Acts 3:19 (ESV)*

# Scripture for Week 6

## WEEK 6 DAVID THE SINNER

### MONDAY

### 2 SAMUEL 11:1-27 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup> And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" <sup>4</sup> So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup> And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

<sup>6</sup> So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup> When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab was doing and how the people were doing and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup> When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?" <sup>11</sup> Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing." <sup>12</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. <sup>13</sup> And David invited him, and he ate in his presence and drank, so that he made him drunk. And in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

<sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die." <sup>16</sup> And as Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant men. <sup>17</sup> And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite also died. <sup>18</sup> Then Joab sent and told David all the news about the fighting. <sup>19</sup> And he

instructed the messenger, “When you have finished telling all the news about the fighting to the king, <sup>20</sup> then, if the king’s anger rises, and if he says to you, ‘Why did you go so near the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?’ <sup>21</sup> Who killed Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman cast an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?’ then you shall say, ‘Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.’”

<sup>22</sup> So the messenger went and came and told David all that Joab had sent him to tell. <sup>23</sup> The messenger said to David, “The men gained an advantage over us and came out against us in the field, but we drove them back to the entrance of the gate. <sup>24</sup> Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall. Some of the king’s servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.” <sup>25</sup> David said to the messenger, “Thus shall you say to Joab, ‘Do not let this matter displease you, for the sword devours now one and now another. Strengthen your attack against the city and overthrow it.’ And encourage him.”

<sup>26</sup> When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. <sup>27</sup> And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

## TUESDAY

## 2 SAMUEL 12:1–15 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” <sup>5</sup> Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, <sup>6</sup> and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

<sup>7</sup> Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> And I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. <sup>9</sup> Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite

with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ <sup>11</sup> Thus says the Lord, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. <sup>12</sup> For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.’” <sup>13</sup> David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die.” <sup>15</sup> Then Nathan went to his house.

And the Lord afflicted the child that Uriah’s wife bore to David, and he became sick.

### **WEDNESDAY - JESUS, THE HOPE OF SINNER**      *1 TIMOTHY 1:12-16 (ESV)*

<sup>12</sup> I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.



## THURSDAY

***GENESIS 8:21 (ESV)***

<sup>21</sup> And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.

***1 JOHN 1:8-9 (ESV)***

<sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## FRIDAY

***1 ACTS 3:19 (ESV)***

<sup>9</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out

# Monday

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**Read:** 2 Samuel 11:1–27

**Soap:** 2 Samuel 11:27

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*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Monday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Tuesday

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**Read:** 2 Samuel 12:1-15

**Soap:** 2 Samuel 12:13-15

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*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Tuesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Wednesday

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**Read:** 1 Timothy 1:12-16

**Soap:** 1 Timothy 1:15

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Wednesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Thursday

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**Read:** Genesis 8:21; 1 John 1:8-9

**Soap:** 1 John 1:8-9

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.



# Thursday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Friday

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**Read:** Acts 3:19

**Soap:** Acts 3:19

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Friday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Reflection Questions

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1. What was David's response to God after his sin was exposed?
2. How do you respond to sin in your life?
3. In Matthew 11:19, Jesus is described as "a friend of sinners." What comfort does that give you as you read 1 John 1:8-9?
4. In what areas of your life do you need to experience God's forgiveness?
5. Write down the sins for which you need to ask God's forgiveness. Then take time to repent and seek the refreshing of your soul that is talked about in Acts 3:19.

# *My Response*

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# Week 7

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**Week 7 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):**

**Prayer focus for this week:** Spend time turning your fears into prayers.

*Praying*

*Praise*

*Monday*

*Tuesday*

*Wednesday*

*Thursday*

*Friday*

But you are a chosen race, a  
royal priesthood, a holy nation, a  
people for his own possession,  
that you may proclaim the  
excellencies of him who called  
you out of darkness into his  
marvelous light.

*1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)*

# Scripture for Week 7

## DAVID THE MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART

### MONDAY

*ACTS 13:22 (ESV)*

<sup>22</sup> And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'

### TUESDAY

*1 SAMUEL 13: 8-15 (ESV)*

<sup>8</sup> He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him. <sup>9</sup> So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings." And he offered the burnt offering. <sup>10</sup> As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him and greet him. <sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> 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." <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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[a] over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." <sup>15</sup> 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[b] to Gibeah of Benjamin.

And Saul numbered the people who were present with him, about six hundred men.



## WEDNESDAY - JESUS BELOVED OF GOD

*MATTHEW 17:1-7 (ESV)*

<sup>17</sup> And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.”

## THURSDAY

*MATTHEW 10:29-31 (ESV)*

<sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

## FRIDAY

*1 PETER 2:9-10 (ESV)*

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

# Monday

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**Read:** Acts 13:22

**Soap:** Acts 13:22

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Monday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Tuesday

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**Read:** 1 Samuel 13: 8-15

**Soap:** 1 Samuel 13:14

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*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Tuesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Wednesday

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**Read:** Matthew 17:1-7

**Soap:** Matthew 17:5

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Wednesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Thursday

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**Read:** Matthew 10:29-31

**Soap:** Matthew 10:29-31

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# Thursday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Friday

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**Read:** 1 Peter 2:9-10

**Soap:** 1 Peter 2:9

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Friday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

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# Reflection Questions

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1. Describe David in one word.

2. What was the consequence of Saul's disobedience?

3. In Matthew 17:5 we see the importance of speaking words of love and encouragement over others. How did God describe Jesus and what did He tell the people to do?

4. Many of us struggle with self-worth and value. What does God say about our worth in 1 Peter 2:9-10?

5. How should that verse change our outlook on life and how we see our value through God's eyes?

# *My Response*

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# Week 8

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**Week 8 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):**

**Prayer focus for this week:** Spend time thanking God for how he is working in your life.

*Praying*

*Praise*

*Monday*

*Tuesday*

*Wednesday*

*Thursday*

*Friday*

But the Lord is faithful. He will  
establish you and guard you  
against the evil one.

*2 Thessalonians 3:3 (ESV)*

# Scripture for Week 8

## DAVID A MAN OF FAITH

### MONDAY

### 1 SAMUEL 17:33-47 (ESV)

<sup>33</sup> 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.” <sup>34</sup> 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, <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> 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.” <sup>37</sup> 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!”

<sup>38</sup> Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> 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.

<sup>41</sup> And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup> And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup> 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. <sup>44</sup> 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.” <sup>45</sup> 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. <sup>46</sup> 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, <sup>47</sup> 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.”



## TUESDAY

## PSALM 27 (ESV)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup> One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup> And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup> You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,

O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!  
<sup>10</sup> For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the Lord will take me in.  
<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.  
<sup>12</sup> Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.  
<sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!  
<sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

## WEDNESDAY - JESUS IS FAITHFUL

## 2 THESSALONIANS 3:1-5 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, <sup>2</sup> and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. <sup>3</sup> But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. <sup>4</sup> And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. <sup>5</sup> May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

## THURSDAY

*JEREMIAH 17:7-8 (ESV)*

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

## FRIDAY

*HEBREWS 10:19-25 (ESV)*

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

# Monday

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**Read:** 1 Samuel 17:33-47

**Soap:** 1 Samuel 17:45

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Monday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Tuesday

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**Read:** Psalm 27

**Soap:** Psalm 27:1

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Tuesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Wednesday

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**Read:** 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

**Soap:** 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5

*Scripture* - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.



# Wednesday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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# Thursday

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**Read:** Jeremiah 17:7-8

**Soap:** Jeremiah 17:7-8

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*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Thursday

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*Applications* - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

*Pray* - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

# Friday

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**Read:** Hebrews 10:19-25

**Soap:** Hebrews 10:21-23

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*Observations* - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

# Friday

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# Reflection Questions

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1. What do you admire most about David's faith?
2. What roles did faith and fear play in David's life?
3. Why do you think David had so much faith and the courage to act upon it?
4. What is the outcome for those who place their trust in the Lord?
5. What is holding you back from living your life out in faith like David? What doubts keep you up at night? Share them with God.

# *My Response*

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