

AUGUST

DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our August 2022 reading plan! This month we will be diving deeply into 1 Samuel and learning about a life of surrender and what it looks like to follow the call of God. Before your reading each day, meditate on 2 Samuel 7:22 , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

Memorization & Meditation:

"Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears." - 2 Samuel 7:22

WEEK 1

- [August 1] 1 Samuel 21 | How do we see God's provision for David in this chapter?
- [2] 1 Samuel 22:1-5 | How do you see David as a picture of Jesus in this passage? Look at the type of people he draws to himself.
- [3] 1 Samuel 22:6-23 | Re-read v.23 and imagine Jesus was speaking these words to you. What do these words do to your heart? Pray and express your thoughts and feelings to Jesus.
- [4] 1 Samuel 23 | David is constantly seeking the Lord for guidance in this chapter. When was the last time you sought God in prayer and really listened for His response? What did you hear? What did you do?
- [5] 1 Samuel 24 | The mercy of David towards Saul leads to Saul repenting and abandoning his chase. How has the Lord's mercy toward you led you to repentance?
- [6] Review your notes from the week. What is something new you learned?

WEEK 2

Sunday, August 7th

- [8] 1 Samuel 25:1-17 | Read James 1:19 and consider Nabal's response. Reflect on your reality of James 1:19 – how often does the way you communicate reflect this instruction in God's Word?
- [9] 1 Samuel 25:18-44 | What did David learn about trusting God to be his provision in this passage?
- [10] 1 Samuel 26:1-12 | It can often be tempting to take matters into our own hands instead of seeking God's will and wisdom, as David did in this chapter. Take time today to pray through situations in your life where you've been seeking the wisdom of the world instead of God.
- [11] 1 Samuel 26:13-25 | How did David's trust in the Lord serve him well in this chapter? What might God be asking you to trust Him with today?
- [12] 1 Samuel 27 | God is never mentioned in this passage. David never consults Him. How are David's actions different in this passage than in 1 Samuel 23?
- [13] Review your notes from the week. What is something new you learned?

WEEK 3

Sunday, August 14th

- [15] 1 Samuel 28 | Read Leviticus 19:31. Saul continues to run from God in disobedience and is no longer living in the blessings from obedience (see v.18-19)! Do you ever find yourself running to the things of this world instead of God?
- [16] 1 Samuel 29 | What stands out to you in this passage?
- [17] 1 Samuel 30 | What does David do in this passage that he didn't do in chapter 27? How did that affect the outcome?
- [18] 1 Samuel 31 | Saul dies after slowly turning from a life of Godly obedience to one of disobedience and living outside God's blessing. Is your life marked by obedience to the way of Jesus? What are some things you can do to nurture lifelong obedience?

- [19] Go to <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/1-samuel/> and watch this recap video of the book of 1 Samuel. Write down anything that stands out to you as you reflect on your readings.
- [20] Review your notes from the week. What is something new you learned?

WEEK 4

Sunday, August 21st

- [22] 2 Samuel 1:1-16 | Why do you think David mourned the death of Saul?
- [23] 2 Samuel 1:16-27 | Read Matt. 5:43-48. David's treatment of Saul is a great example of loving those the world says should be our enemies. Who in your life would the world call you "enemy" and how can you love them like Christ?
- [24] 2 Samuel 2 | David honors Saul and those who buried him, recognizing him as God's anointed. Do you respect the leaders God has put in place in our country? Take some time and pray for those in leadership today.
- [25] 2 Samuel 3-4 | Have you ever resisted something you knew the Lord wanted you to do? (Just as the leaders of Israel knew God wanted David to be King?) How did that go?
- [26] 2 Samuel 5:1-16 | What is the significance of David reigning 40 years?
- [27] Review your notes from the week. What is something new you learned?

WEEK 5

Sunday, August 28th

- [29] 2 Samuel 5:17-25 | After the disobedience and death of Saul and the Philistines defeat of Israel at the end of 1 Samuel, why is it a big deal that David was able to defeat them?
- [30] 2 Samuel 6 | David was fully devoted in his praise before the Lord! Singing and dancing and making himself "undignified." When was the last time you allowed yourself to be unrestrained in your worship of the Lord? What was that like?
- [31] 2 Samuel 7 | What stands out to you in David's prayer? What are you grateful for in your life? Spend a moment today thanking God in prayer for those things!
- [Sept 1] 2 Samuel 8 | How do David's military victories highlight God's hand of blessing on his kingdom?
- [2] 2 Samuel 9 | How is this passage a picture of the Gospel? Can you see yourself in Mephibosheth?
- [3] Review your notes from the week. What is something new you learned?



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