WEEK FOUR – SIN'S DESTRUCTION & GOD'S MERCY

Reading: 2 Samuel 13:1-2 Samuel 24:25

Big Idea: *David's sin brings punishment and destruction. Yet, as David repents, he finds a merciful God who is willing to restore and repair what was broken. Ultimately, Christ is the only one who can redeem and restore sinful humanity back to a holy God.*

Memory Verse: 2 Samuel 22:31-32 *"This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God?"*

Monday, Nov 23rd - 2 Samuel 13:1–14:33
How does David's sin with Bathsheba produce even more significant rotten fruit in David's family? How does David's passivity in his family affect his entire nation?

Tuesday, Nov 24th - 2 Samuel 15:1–16:23 & Psalm 3, 63
Ziba and Shimei both offer words to David. What is the difference in their speech? In David's flight from Jerusalem, how did he fail to trust in God's provision?

Wednesday, Nov 25th - 2 Samuel 17:1–19:8a
When the rebellious Absalom is killed hanging from a tree, David weeps and wishes he could have died in his son's place—something God actually accomplished for us when Jesus died on the cross for our rebellion. How do Absalom's death and David's song help us see Jesus?

Thursday, Nov 26th - 2 Samuel 19:8b–21:22
In what ways does the failure of David's political strategies in 2 Samuel 19–21 reveal that David is not the king for whom Israel ultimately longs?

Friday, Nov 27th - 2 Samuel 22:1–24:25 & Psalm 18
In what ways have you experienced God as a "refuge" and "rock" as David did?

Weekend Catch-Up & Reflection (Nov 28th & Nov 29th)
Re-read your favorite passages this week. Pray and ask God to be your refuge and rock as you seek Him daily.

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1st & 2nd Samuel - November 2026

Dive deeper with these resources:
1. www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowing-the-bible-1-2-samuel
2. "Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Samuel", J.D. Greear & Heath Thomas – Daily questions are from this resource.

WEEK ONE - WE WANT A KING!

Reading: 1 Samuel 1:1-1 Samuel 15:35
Big Idea: Israel demands a king and the Lord raises up Samuel to usher in a new era for Israel where they will have an earthly king lead the nation. Yet, pride and disobedience quickly show that earthly kings will fail and we should look to Christ as our king.
Memory Verse: *1 Samuel 2:2 "There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God."*

Monday, Nov 2 | 1 Samuel 1:1–3:21
Have you ever been hopeless like Hannah? When you get to that place of hopelessness, what is your response? To which "savior" do you turn?

Tuesday, Nov 3 | 1 Samuel 4:1–7:17
What mistake did the Israelites make in handling the ark? When do you find yourself mishandling sacred things? Why do you do this? Repentance is key in 1 Samuel 7. What stands out to you when you work through the anatomy of repentance? Why does that stand out for you?

Wednesday, Nov 4 | 1 Samuel 8:1–10:27
Why is Samuel displeased with the demand of God's people? How do you make the same mistake of treating the Lord as your "safety net" while still wanting to live as you see fit?

Thursday, Nov 5 | 1 Samuel 11:1–13:23
Saul used sacrifice as a way to achieve his purposes and carelessly manipulated the holy things of God. Have you ever manipulated the things of God for your own ends? How have you done that, and why?

Friday, Nov 6 | Nov 6th - 1 Samuel 14:1–15:35
Do you identify with Saul's disobedience? Why or why not? What aspects of the anatomy of disobedience described above resonate with you the most? Why? In what ways do we cover up our disobedience?

Weekend Catch-Up & Reflection (Nov 7 - Nov 8)
Take time to re-read your favorite passage from this week. Pray and ask God how you can obey and follow Him as king of your life.

WEEK TWO – GOD'S ANOINTING AND GIANT SLAYER

Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-1 Samuel 31:13

Big Idea: *David is anointed as the true king of Israel but Saul is reluctant to give up the crown. God empowers David to slay Goliath and also strengthens him as David endures persecution from Saul. In the wilderness and on the run, David learns to trust God's timing instead of taking matters into his own hands.*

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

Monday, Nov 9th - 1 Samuel 16:1–17:58
When we look at how the world views us, in what ways does it encourage you to know that God values the deepest part of who we are—our hearts? How does it encourage you to know that God raises up the "ordinary" folk for His purposes?

Tuesday, Nov 10th - 1 Samuel 18:1–20:42 & Psalm 59
Where do you experience your deepest experience of jealousy? Why do you feel jealous? Is it based out of fear, threat, or something else? Write down your thoughts and discuss them with someone you trust.

Wed, Nov 11th - 1 Samuel 21:1–23:29 & Psalms 34, 56, 52, 57, 142, 54
Hear the words of David as if Jesus were speaking them to you: "Stay with me. Don't be afraid, for the one who wants to take my life wants to take your life. You will be safe with me" (22:23). What do these words do to your heart? Do they foster love and gratitude to Jesus? In prayer express to Jesus your thoughts.

Thursday, Nov 12th - 1 Samuel 24:1–26:25 & Psalm 7
Do you tend to take actions to defend yourself by your own hands, or do you generally trust in God? Explain your answer.

Friday, Nov 13th - 1 Samuel 27:1–31:13
Does it make sense that someone can be in the vicinity of God but not experience intimacy in relationship with Him? Why or why not? In what ways does the notion of "false repentance" ring true in your life? Do you see false repentance in the lives of those around you?

Weekend Catch-Up & Reflection (Nov 14th & 15th)
Meditate on the fact that Jesus has slain the giant of sin and death so we can walk in freedom. Take time to worship Jesus for His victory today.

WEEK THREE–GOD'S COVENANT FAITHFULNESS TO HIS PEOPLE

Reading: 2 Samuel 1:1-2 Samuel 12:31

Big Idea: *God estabilishes David as the King of Israel and ushers in the Golden Age of Israel. A fractured nation is unified and God delcares an eternal covenant with Israel, promising a kingdom that will never end.*

Memory Verse: 2 Samuel 7:16, *"And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"*

Monday, Nov 16th - 2 Samuel 1:1–3:5
Who in your life do you know like Saul, dying without really knowing the Lord? Take time to pray for their salvation and commit to share the good news of Jesus with them.

Tuesday, Nov 17th - 2 Samuel 3:6–5:25
When reading the gritty, violent realities of how David's kingdom was united in 2 Samuel 3–5, "Does God approve of these actions? Do these actions have the stamp of God's favor?" What does this reveal about how God works through imperfect people in the real world?

Wednesday, Nov 18th - 2 Samuel 6:1–7:29 & Psalms 24, 30
How do you respond to the fact that God will not tolerate impurity? What impurity and sin in your life do you bear right now? What does it do to your heart to know that on the cross Jesus bore the impurity associated with sin and made us holy and pure by His shed blood?

Thursday, Nov 19th - 2 Samuel 8:1–10:19 & Psalm 60
Read Luke 13:28–29 and Matthew 8:11–12. What does it do for you to know that we will dine at the King's table for eternity just as Mephibosheth dined at David's table?

Friday, Nov 20th - 2 Samuel 11:1–12:31 & Psalms 51, 32
Why is it important to recognize that David is not the perfect king? Why is it often so much easier to identify the sin of others and blame them rather than owning up to sin ourselves?

Weekend Catch-Up & Reflection (Nov 21st & Nov 22nd)
Spend time praying and re-reading your favorite passages. Thank Him for his grace to undeserving sinners.