

SECOND DAY: Taken from 1 Samuel 18:20-28; 19:11-17; 2 Samuel 6:16-23

1. Michal, *Saul's daughter*, was David's first wife. From 1 Samuel 18:21 remark on Saul's reason for offering her to David.
 - a. What does Saul's reasoning suggest about Michal?

2. Use 1 Samuel 18:22-27 to briefly explain how Michal became David's wife.

3. Michal is next mentioned after David was nearly speared by Saul. Use 1 Samuel 19:11-17 to record and comment on what Michal did.
 - a. Compare and contrast Michal's answer to King Saul (1 Samuel 19:17) with Jonathan's answer (1 Samuel 19:4-6).
 - (1) What does Michal's answer reveal about her?
 - (a) What do you think she should have told Saul?

4. Michal and David were separated for many years while David hid from Saul. When David took the throne of Israel he requested the return of his wife. What had happened to Michal while David was in exile? 2 Samuel 3:13-16
 - a. What do you think about Michal's situation while David was in exile?

5. According to 2 Samuel 6:14-15, David brought *the ark of the LORD* to Jerusalem with great rejoicing. What was Michal's reaction when she *saw king David leaping and whirling before the Lord*? 2 Samuel 6:16
 - a. What did she say when David *returned to bless his household*? 2 Samuel 6:20
 - (1) What does Michal's reaction to David's behavior reveal about her?

 - (2) Describe the reaction you feel she should have had to these events.

6. Note from 2 Samuel 6:23 that Michal *had no children to the day of her death*. How does this speak to you?

7. What type of influence do you think Michal had on David?

8. What lesson do you receive from the life of Michal?

THIRD DAY: Taken from 1 Samuel 25:2-42

1. Describe Nabal and *his wife Abigail* from 1 Samuel 25:2-3.
2. In 1 Samuel 25:4-11 David and his men had safeguarded Nabal's sheep in the wilderness. Later David had requested an invitation to Nabal's celebration. When Nabal refused and *reviled* David, David prepared to take action. The servants, having witnessed these events, went to Abigail. Use 1 Samuel 25:14-17 to summarize what the servants told Abigail.
3. Briefly record Abigail's actions when she heard the servants' report. 1 Samuel 25:18-20
 - a. Link Abigail's actions with Matthew 5:9 and share your thoughts.
4. 1 Samuel 25:21-22 cites the vengeance David was about to take against Nabal. Knowing that *harm was determined*, how did Abigail approach David? 1 Samuel 25:23-24
 - a. What do you suppose her approach communicated to David?
5. Use 1 Samuel 25:23-31 to comment on Abigail's wisdom concerning:
 - a. Her position – verses 24, 28a
 - b. Her husband – verse 25a
 - c. David's vengeance – verses 26, 29, 31
 - d. David's anointing and future – verses 28, 30
6. Use 1 Samuel 25:32-35 to find and record the blessing that resulted from Abigail's actions:
 - a. Verse 32
 - b. Verse 33
 - c. Verse 34
 - d. Verse 35
7. Shortly after these events, *the Lord struck Nabal and he died*. From 1 Samuel 25:39-42 record what happened after this.
8. Note Abigail's influence on David. What lesson(s) do you learn from Abigail?

FOURTH DAY: Read 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27

1. According to 2 Samuel 11:1, David sent his men *out to battle* while he *remained at Jerusalem*. What *happened one evening*? 2 Samuel 11:2a
2. What did David see *from the roof*? 2 Samuel 11:2b
 - a. Bathsheba took her bath in a very visible place. Compare her actions with 1 Timothy 2:9a. Share your thoughts.
 - (1) Why do you think modesty is important?
3. Why should David not have pursued Bathsheba? 2 Samuel 11:3b
4. Record the tragic events of 2 Samuel 11:4-5.
 - a. What does the fact that Bathsheba simply *came to* David seem to suggest?
 - b. How should Bathsheba have reacted when David sent for her? See 1 Corinthians 6:18.
 - c. From the following Scriptures comment on how we are to deal with temptation:
 - (1) 1 Corinthians 10:12-13
 - (2) 2 Timothy 2:22
 - (3) James 4:7
5. After committing this sin, David arranged for Uriah to be killed in battle. According to 2 Samuel 11:26-27, what happened next?
 - a. What did the Lord think of their deeds? 2 Samuel 11:27b
6. Describe the influence Bathsheba had on David.
7. What warning do you receive from this story?

FIFTH DAY: Taken from 1 Kings 1:11-31

1. Toward the end of David's life, his son Adonijah plotted to make himself king without David's knowledge or consent. How did *Nathan the prophet* advise *Bathsheba the mother of Solomon* concerning this dangerous plot? 1 Kings 1:11-14

2. Summarize Bathsheba's plea to David from 1 Kings 1:17-21.
 - a. Link David's promise to Bathsheba with God's promise in 1 Chronicles 22:9-10. Share your thoughts.

3. While Bathsheba was speaking, Nathan came in and confirmed her words to David. According to 1 Kings 1:28-30, how did David respond?
 - a. What did Bathsheba say and do next? 1 Kings 1:31
 - (1) What does this communicate about Bathsheba?

4. How was Bathsheba an example of intercession on behalf of her son?

5. How do you think the events of 2 Samuel 12:14-19, 24-25 might have changed Bathsheba? See also Hebrews 12:10-11.

6. What lesson do you receive from the life of Bathsheba?

7. What change do you see in Bathsheba's influence?

SIXTH DAY: Read Proverbs 31:10-31

1. Use Proverbs 31:10-31 to remark on the influence this woman had on her husband.
 - a. Comment on how these women exemplified or did not exemplify these qualities:
 - (1) Michal

 - (2) Abigail

 - (3) Bathsheba
2. Using what you've learned this week, share a way in which you desire to influence the men in your life.
3. What suggestions would you give a Christian woman who desires to be a godly influence?

*Do not let your adornment be merely outward ...
rather let it be the hidden person of the heart,
with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which
is very precious in the sight of God.*

1 Peter 3:3-4